

'Music in the Air' today in Pass

All the scores and action
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Bay's Arthur Bailey Jr. enjoys his
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Waveland Seniors to meet on Monday

The regular monthly meeting of the Senior Citizens of Waveland will be held Monday at the Post 77 hall on Coleman Ave. at 10 a.m. Speaker will be Arlene Johnson from the Senior Citizens Center.

WRANPS needs spring volunteers for animals

Wildlife Rehabilitation and Nature Preservation Society in Pass Christian is seeking volunteers to help with injured or orphaned baby animals. Facility director Katy Pope will conduct orientation classes for new members who are at least 18 years old. Call 452-9453.

St. Clare PTO plans \$10,000 drawdown

St. Clare School PTO will present a \$10,000 draw down on Saturday, March 22. Limited tickets are available. To take a chance or more information, call 467-7071.

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Bay man jailed in infant's death



James M. Boswell was charged with murdering a 10-month-old girl Thursday.

BY GEOFF BELCHER
Staff Writer

A Bay St. Louis man was charged with capital murder Thursday in the death of a 10-month-old girl.

James Michael Boswell, 19, is being held without bond at the Hancock County Justice Facility pending a full investigation of the incident, which occurred in a rented apartment directly across from Second Street Elementary School, according to Bay St. Louis

Police Chief Frank McNeil.

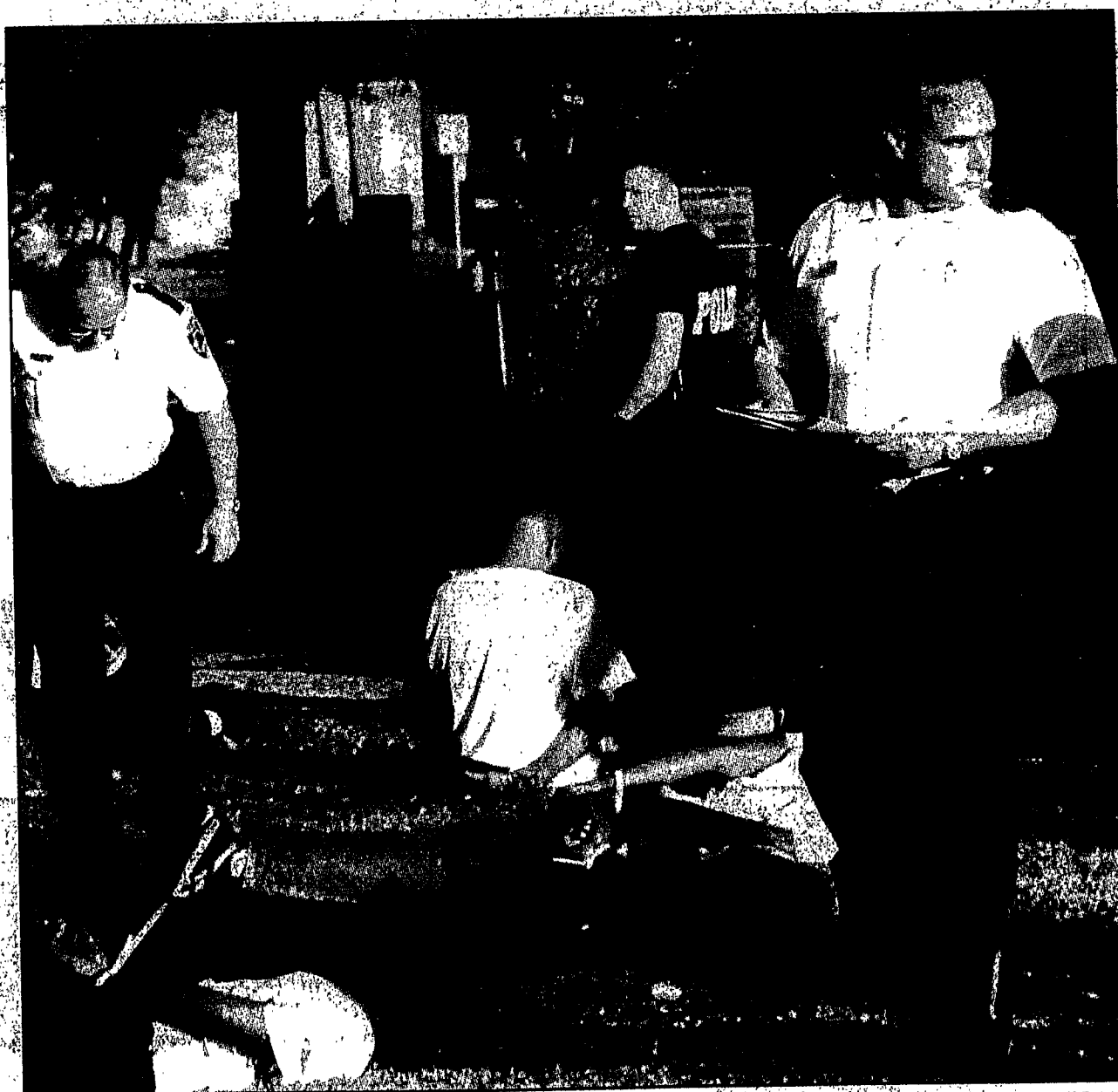
Officers Israel Neff and Christine Johnson responded to a medical emergency at the 208 Carroll St. apartment at around 1:21 a.m. Thursday, McNeil said in a statement released Friday, "and observed that the child had bruising on the facial area - a bloody nose and mouth. Fire Rescue arrived on the scene and took over medical treatment.

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The apartment at 208 Carroll St. - just across from Second St. Elem. - where infant Alexis Nicole Nephew suffered her fatal injuries on Thursday.

CRACK HOUSE CRACKDOWN



Officers from multiple law enforcement agencies survey the scene Friday after the quick arrest of six suspected drug traffickers in the 300 block of Sycamore St. in Bay St. Louis.

Repeat drug sellers
zapped second time;
some face life with
no chance of parole

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor and
ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

Some shouted in joy and others in terror Friday - and some just stood in a daze - as dozens of police officers swarmed Sycamore St. in Bay St. Louis.

Multiple agencies executed

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Lady Tigers are #1

Bay High wins state
girls' basketball title

BY: JOSEPH W. GEX, II
Staff Writer

"In the end, there can be only one." That was a popular line in the *Highlander* series, a cult classic among fantasy movie-goers in the 1980s. However, it rings so true in the element of competition. There can be only one champion in the athletic arena. In 2003, the Bay High Lady Tigers are the champions of Class 4A girls basketball. And, there is only one team like the Bay High Lady Tigers.

It seemed early on in the title game on Thursday, March 6 that gold ball might not come back to the Coast in 2003. Things were looking pretty rough when Bay High was

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GC Pilgrimage comes to Diamondhead

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

The 56th Annual Mississippi Gulf Coast Pilgrimage of historical homes, gardens and galleries began yesterday and runs through March 15.

Today's activities take place in Pascagoula, Moss Point and Gautier; followed by Gulfport on Monday; Biloxi on Tuesday; Diamondhead on Wednesday; Beauvoir and Historic Biloxi on Thursday; Bay St. Louis and Pass Christian and Pass Isles on

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'Music in the Air' is today in the Pass

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Soprano Judith D'Angelo, professional musician who has sung with New Orleans Opera, Carnegie Hall Festival Chorus, Gulf Coast Opera, Coast Chorale and the Meistersingers, is the featured vocalist for this year's "Music in the Air". Ms. D'Angelo is executive director and CEO of Levert Interests, executive director of Coast Performing Arts, Board Member of Friends of the Saenger, and former Program Chairman of Gulf Coast Symphony Guild.

The 3rd Annual "Music in the Air" will be held today, March 9 at Palace in the Pass, 401 East Scenic Drive, Pass Christian, and is sponsored by the Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce. Tickets are \$50 for patrons and \$20 for general admission.

Patron admission includes reserved seating and a pre-concert party at 1p.m., hosted upstairs at the Palace in the Pass. The view from the balcony overlooking the beach is spectacular.

Chamber music will be played while patrons are served champagne and delicious gourmet hors d'oeuvres by Pass Christian's Tigre's Restaurant.

General admission is \$20 per person to attend performance from 3-5 p.m. Cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres for all in attendance will be held immediately following the performance to mingle and to meet our outstanding musicians.



Sopranos Judith D'Angelo and Deana Mullins

Accompanying Soprano Rhonda Twiner Lyle. Ms. Lyle is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi with a degree in Music Education. Ms. Lyle will also be part of a chamber trio, with flutist Rita Hall and violinist Penelope Klei. Flutist Rita Hall, a native of Kentucky, received a bachelor's degree from Murray State University and a masters degree from the University of Louisville.

Violinist Penelope Klei was born and raised near Detroit, Michigan and studied under Gordon Staples, concert master of the Detroit Symphony. Ms. Klei

graduated from Michigan's Schoolcraft College, with a professional career in Michigan.

Upon retirement in 2002, she moved to Pass Christian where she is enamored with the coast with her talent.

Guest artists are Soprano Deana Mullins and an ensemble from the Coast Chorale. Mullins is a professional musician who has performed with Musica Sacra of Mobile, the Meistersingers of Hattiesburg, Gulf Coast Opera and the Coast Chorale, among others. She currently serves at publicity chairman for the Gulf Coast Symphony Orchestra Guild and secretary for the Coast Performing Arts Board of Directors.

"Music in the Air" is a fundraiser for the Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce - Education Fund, which is used primarily for service scholarships for two Pass Christian High School Students, one music scholarship, girls and boys state scholarships, and to support the youth leadership Pass Christian.

The "Corporation for National Service" gives \$500 matched with a \$500 local scholarship to two high school students. Each high school in the United States may select two students to receive this \$1000.

These students are recognized for performing outstanding service to their community.

Tickets are available at Hillyer House, Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce, Coast Performing Arts, Southern Printing and Silkscreening and Russell's Shell Service. For additional information please contact the Pass Chamber at 452-2252.

Krewe of Blarney plans St. Patrick's parade

The Krewe of Blarney Halfast Walkin' Klub will present its annual St. Patrick's parade in Pass Christian on Sunday, March 16, beginning at 2p.m. Look for complete details in Thursday's Sea Coast Echo.

Security problem delays Seals jump

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER Staff Writer

This week's training session was pretty much of a washout for the Navy Seals Special Boat Team 20 at Stennis Airport. Cloudy, rainy skies kept the team from parachute training the first part of the week, and on Friday, when skies finally cleared, training was delayed for security reasons.

When the flight crew performed its routine safety check before taking the first group of jumpers up Friday morning, crew members found that someone had tampered with the door of the military C-130, bending the inside handle.

The Hancock County Sheriff's Department was called in as well as a Shift

Lt. from Keesler Air Force Base to perform an investigation. Though tight security regulations exist because of terrorist activities, the investigation is routine, said one of the team members, anytime there is a question of tampering with a military aircraft.

The aircraft had been on the field all week with round the clock security. Airport personnel from 7 a.m. till 5 p.m. and a Sheriff's Department Deputy from 5 p.m. till 7 a.m.

There was speculation that a deputy on duty possibly checked the door to make sure it was locked and twisted the handle, but procedure required that the incident be thoroughly investigated just in case. Later, a deputy admitted to officials that he had tried

the door because he wanted to look inside the plane.

The investigation was called off and the team was given the OK to proceed with their parachute training operations and save some of what was an almost perfect day for jumping. Four crew members and nine jumpers performed free fall jumps until sunset.

The rest of the week was not a complete waste of time for the team either, however, as many of the men took advantage of the off time to see Mardi Gras Festivities in New Orleans, many for the first time.

This trip was one of two or three training operations the Seals perform at Stennis each year.

Waveland Civic Assoc. St. Patrick's Parade

Application forms are still available for anyone who would like to participate in the Waveland Civic Association's annual St. Patrick's Parade.

The parade is scheduled for Saturday, March 15, at 2 p.m.

All entrants must fill out an application. Applications must be received by the Waveland Civic Association by the March 13 deadline.

There will be first, second and third place trophies awarded in all categories.

Categories include family floats, organization/business floats, bands and marching groups.

In addition, all floats will be judged and awarded trophies for most original, overall, best show, best costume and honorable mention.

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down 12-2 to the Canton Lady Tigers. But, somebody forgot to tell the Bay High Lady Tigers that they were out of it. They took head coach Debbie Triplett's words "All it takes is all you have" to heart and rose like Phoenix out of the ashes to defeat Canton 67-63 for the school's first ever state championship.

While the first half was not as pleasing as the second half for Bay High, it really doesn't matter because a win is a win. Senior center LaMonica James put it bluntly, "It wasn't pretty but it is a win and it feels wonderful!"

After a sluggish defensive start and turnovers on offense, the Lady Tigers found themselves down 12-2 in the first period. The second period saw the Lady Tigers get back into the game with a more aggressive defensive attitude and head into the intermission down 29-26. At halftime, Triplett issued a challenge to her team to remember what it was like to get this far and not come away a winner.

In 2002, Bay High reached the final game only to fall a basket short to Jackson Province for the title. It has been a ghost that has taken a year to exorcise. Senior forward Carmen Labat summed it up, "We knew that we wanted it to be us. We came so close last year and we did not want a repeat of last year. We responded to Coach (Debbie) Triplett's challenge."

With 6:20 remaining in the third, Stephanie Reed tied the game 32-32 with two shots at the charity stripe. Then, Canton jumped back up 42-34 with 4:17 left in the period.

LaMonica James stopped the bleeding with a basket in the lane with 3:53 left. Labat scored six points in two minutes to give Bay High the lead 47-46 going into the final period. Triplett commented, "In between the periods, I told them that this was their game to lose. I told them to remember last year and don't let it happen again."

Labat opened and closed the final period for the Lady Tigers. She drained a three-pointer with 7:23 left in the game and converted a wide-open layup with :01 left. Labat scored 10 points in the final eight minutes.

Canton led just once in the final period when Ole Miss signee LaCourtney Ratliff made two charity shots to give Canton a

short-lived 61-60 lead with 1:17 left. Bay High outscored Canton 7-2 in the final 1:03 to seal the win.

In that time span, Bay High was 5-for-6 from the line.

It was tenacious man-to-man defense that kept Canton reeling the last eight minutes. Junior guard Felicia Thomas recalled, "We worked extremely hard on defense in the final period. Our shots started to fall and the defense helped us get in that groove."

Labat led Bay High (35-1) with 29 points while Stephanie Reed added 22 points. Erica McElroy led Canton (24-9) with 27 points followed by Latonya Anderson with 13 and LaCourtney Ratliff with 12 points.

As was stated earlier, the Bay High Lady Tigers were defeated in 2002 by the Province Lady Rams for the title. It wasn't going to be that way this season. The Lady Tigers started the 2003 season off with 20 straight wins and earned a #1 ranking for the majority of the season. They ended the season with 15 consecutive victories and will likely be the #1 ranked team in the state in the final poll. Nestled in between those two win streaks is one loss by one-point in January to the Lady Hawks of Hancock. The number of wins is a school record for Bay High.

Bay High returned all five starters from a season ago and they had one mission - win a state title. Senior center (6-0) LaMonica James, senior forward (5-9) Carmen Labat, junior guard (5-7) Felicia Thomas, and sisters Stephanie (5-5, Sr) and Kendra (5-11, So) Reed were all focused on the task at hand. Kendra Reed commented, "It was great to know that we sent our seniors out on a championship note. It is especially wonderful to know that I had the opportunity to share it with my sisters. Hopefully, we will be back again next season."

While Stephanie Reed graduates in May, Kendra has two more seasons with the Lady Tigers and she will be joined by younger sister, Tamara, on the court next season.

Stephanie Reed stated, "As the oldest, I feel that it is a responsibility of mine to teach my younger sisters how to go in life. I am an influence on right and wrong. We spend time with

each other every day.

"We practice against each other. To share something like this with my sisters is very special. We made a vow as a team to leave it all on the court. There wasn't a need to save any of it for later because we won't be playing later if we do. We know that if we give it all we have, we will be successful in whatever we do."

Success is something that has come by the bushels for the Lady Tigers in recent years. This was the third trip to the state finals for the Lady Tigers under the tutelage of Debbie Triplett. In 1998 and 2002, Bay High finished runner-up to Oxford and Jackson Province, respectively.

She took over a program that was mired in a 0-57 run and went 0-28 in her first year at the school on Blue Meadow Road in 1994. Since then, nine consecutive winning seasons and eight straight trips to the state playoffs.

Along the road, there have been three 30-win seasons, two state runner-up finishes and, finally, a gold ball.

Triplett stated, "The first half tonight was not a pretty one. And, the entire game was not one of our better ones. I have to remember that I am dealing with teenagers and they do it their way. However, tomorrow or ten years from now it will still be a win and a state championship."

"They were not going to be denied tonight. We have reminded each other all year long to not let it be a repeat of last season. We came together as a team in the second half, stepped up our defense and became more aggressive."

We forced turnovers and got some steals which opened our transition game. I think the experience of being in a state title game helped, as well."

"We had a slogan all year long - All it takes is all you have. I told the players that nobody will give you anything and that they must be willing to do it all to accomplish their goal. They laid it all on the line this year and tonight. We are proud to bring the gold ball back home to the Coast."

While Bay High will lose three of their top six players to graduation, the lessons they have learned and the opportunities that they have experienced will last a lifetime. Coach Triplett will have her troops ready next season for another climb up the mountain. But, the trail

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St. Patrick's Day and being a kid to highlight story hours

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St. Patrick's Day will be the theme for the children's story hour at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 12, at 10:30 a.m.

Jamie O'Rourke and the Pooka and O'Sullivan Stow are the books to be read. Susan Daigre, program coordinator, will assist the children in making a sham-rock mobile.

Being a kid is the theme for the children's story hour at the Kiln Public Library on Thursday, March 13, at 10:30 a.m.

When I was Little, When Sophie Gets Angry - Really, Really Angry and Louella Mae, She's Run Away are

the books to be read during the program.

Weekly story hours are held September through May. Programs last approximately one half hour, depending upon subject matter and planned activity.

Programs and activities are designed for pre-school

age children three to five years old who are not part of a nursery or pre-school group.

For individual branch story hour information, contact Adrienne Bradley, Bay St. Louis Hancock County Library, 467-5282; or Sandra Ladner, Kiln Public Library, 255-1724.

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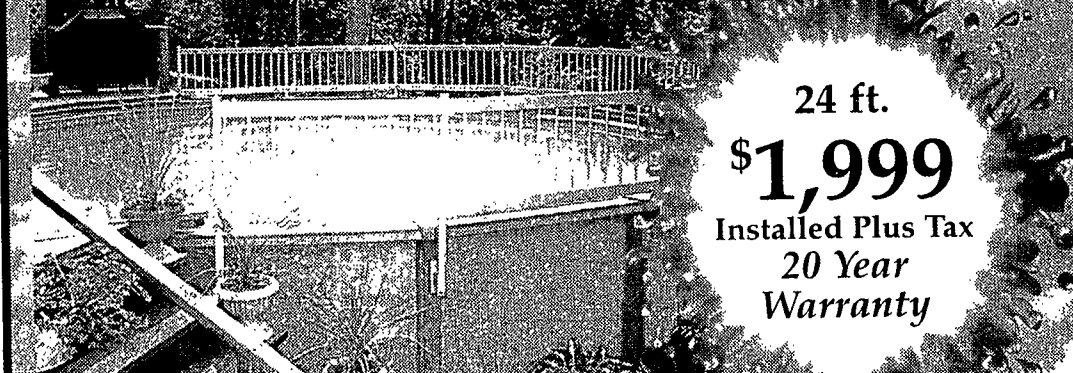
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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Hail, Lady Tigers!

Hail to the Lady Tigers of Bay High!

Bay High's Lady Tigers captured the Girl's 4-A State championship in Jackson Thursday night by defeating Canton 67-63 in a nail biting game.

It was great the game was carried live on Mississippi Education Television. Lady Tigers had the most viewers of the season as they rose to the top of the hill in the state.

I know I was on the edge of my seat several times when Bay High was trailing, but in the end when it counted they rose to the challenge to come out best in the state.

Adding to the excitement was the fact that it was the first ever state Girls Basketball championship for the Lady Tigers.

The entire Bay High squad along with coach Debbie Triplett, administrators, teachers and students all have to be very proud of being state champions.

For sure, the Lady Tigers proved their 36-1 record for the season was for real.

Congratulations to Lady Tiger's Carmen Labat, Stephanie Reed and Kendra Reed for receiving 4A All-Tournament Team honors.

This had really been a tremendous year for high school basketball in Hancock County.

Several weeks ago in high school basketball Bay High was hosting the South State's Girl's 4-A championship games, Hancock High was hosting the Girl's 5-A championship and St. Stanislaus was hosting the Boy's 4-A championship.

Hancock High's Girls and St. Stanislaus made it to the state playoffs and will be looking for a return next

year, as well as Bay High's Lady Tigers.

That in it's self was a great feat to have three South State championships being hosted in one county in the same week.

While on the subject of championships, I feel there are few towns the size of Bay St. Louis can say we have had five state championships in high school athletics in one year.

Well, for the school year of 2002-03, the City of Bay St. Louis can boast itself to that claim.

The Bay High Lady Tigers are state champs in basketball.

The Our Lady Academy Crescents are state champions in soccer.

The Our Lady Crescents are state champions in volleyball.

St. Stanislaus Rockachaws are state champions in soccer.

And, the Bay High Dance Team captured a state championship.

Count em' folks, that five championships for Bay St. Louis schools and all are located within a mile radius.

We sure need some big sign on U.S. Highway 90 reporting this to our visitors and residents alike.

I have a feeling Mayor Eddie Favre and the Bay Council will come up with idea.

P.S. This is a reminder to candidates in the primary and general elections about the March 31, deadline to submit their photo and information to appear free in The Echo.

The copy will be edited and published on space available basis.

State Senate leaps some big hurdles

We met a major deadline, for processing legislation this week in the Mississippi Senate and face another early next week. That means we're making good progress in handling the state's business.

Tuesday we met our deadline to finish committee work on bills and resolutions that came to us from the House of Representatives. Then Wednesday we began what is usually a week-long process of debating and voting on those bills on the floor.

In the legislative session,

each chamber begins working on bills and resolutions that are written and submitted in their own chamber. If these bills win approval in the chamber they originated in, they are then sent to the opposite chamber for debate and approval.

After sending the House the bills we approved in the Senate, we took their bills, studied them in committee and then began the process of full debate

and a vote on the Senate floor.

We were ready to work Wednesday and quickly handled 80 pieces of legislation in a short - but intense session. With Thursday's handling of an additional 39 bills, this places us in very good position as we begin the final weeks of the session.

In fact, several of my colleagues say this may be the farthest ahead we've ever been at this stage of a session. We're all working as hard as we can to see that we wrap up the state's business in a timely fashion.

Because we're not embarking on many new programs in these tough economic times, many of the bills we approved are small-

er matters of keeping state government operating and making small adjustments to existing law. We have concentrated on doing some important things and then just holding steady in many other areas.

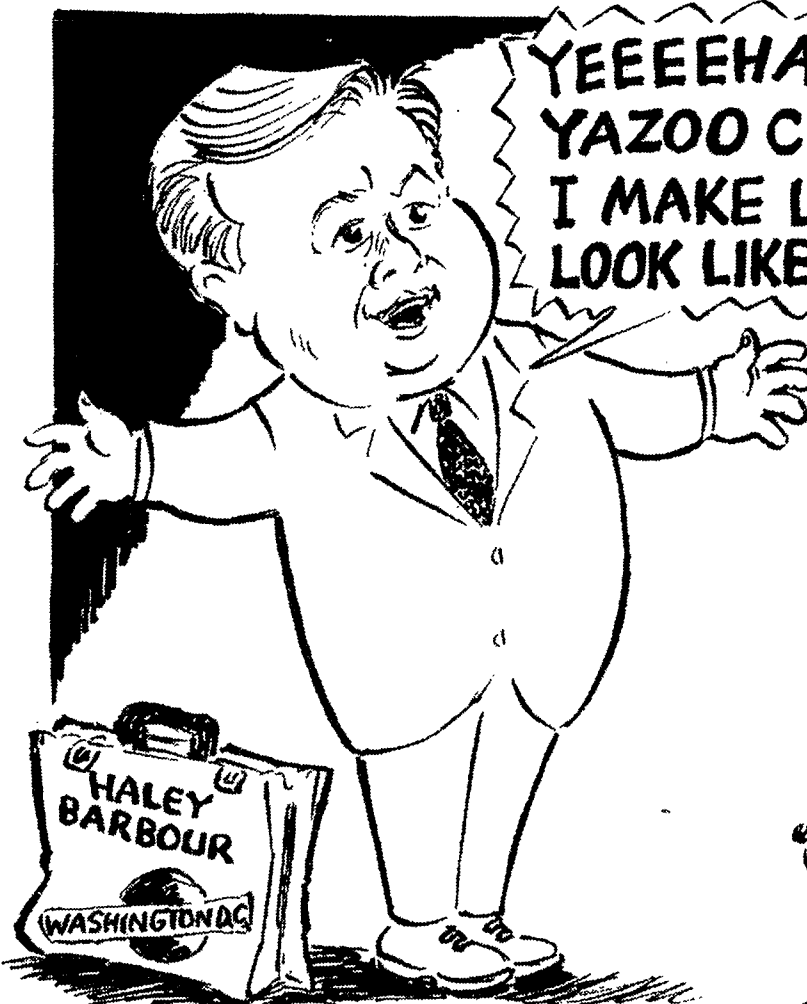
We have set aside money for education, teacher pay raises, our universities and colleges, state employees and other crucial projects that must be funded adequately if our state is to continue to grow and prosper.

Just a few of the issues we handled this week, for example, was a House bill that exempts school districts from the required 180 days of a school year in the event of an emergency such



From the MS Senate

By State Sen.
Scottie Cuevas



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Women's only golf club, just like Augusta is members only

My name is Thomas L. House, a businessman and Golf Fan. Thanks in part to Tiger Woods fast start in the P.G.A.

As you may know by now there are Women's Groups seeking to change the history of Golf in a way I feel will hurt the game. For both men and women. Women wanting to become members of Augusta. This has nothing to do with playing the game itself. They have asked Tiger Woods to promote their idea. Which I feel is wrong to the fans of Golf outside of being hurtful to Tiger.

This young man is only thinking about the betterment of his game in his career as a golfer. Not being a spokesman of women's rights. But due to the fact that he is part black and right now #1 player in the P.G.A. and the world. Women's Groups want to use him in a negative way.

This ideal woman have of becoming members of a private club is at best, an ideal of selfishness. And at the same time has nothing to do with playing the Game of Golf in front of a World Audience.

Many, many years ago the United States Constitution was made that

said in part "We the people of the U.S.A. can have private club, so long as its goals are not to overthrow our government and hurt the citizens in the United States."

My aim will be to build a Golf Course for Woman Members Only. Such a club will be in full compliance with the L.P.G.A. It will be a club, that once a year the public and media will be invited to watch the best Women's Golfers from around the world. Come together and play a game, just like Augusta does for men. In some type of set up.

This club is going to be unique in may areas of design. One entity, it will be financed by true Golf Fans. Fans that will donate \$1 to \$100 or more, each.

It will be understood that ownership of the club will be turned over to an all women's board of directors upon the completion of it being built.

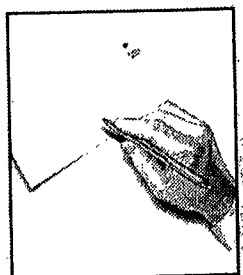
It may be the first Golf Club built and paid for in cash, land and Club House by the fans of Golf.

Also on the grounds of this course will be the Magnum Opus. The largest in the world of Golf, that would have every donors name engraved on it, males

Letters to the Editor

Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.



and females.

I see this as the way to move forward. Without political posturing going on, that has nothing to do with playing the Game of Golf... "I'm a woman and I can't become a member of Augusta, so now I want to hurt the game of Golf. This is as silly as it sounds. And there is no room for it, in the World of Golf.

If you can print this let-

ter in the newspaper along with my address given at the same time. I'm sure the Real Fans of Golf will write back with a great deal of support. As this will keep the plan moving forward.

Thanks you once again for your time in this matter. Look forward to hearing from you and the rest of the fans of the game.

Thomas L. House
Altadena, CA 91001

Reader appalled by trash

To the Editor:
Nan Ehrbright's comments concerning left-behind trash along parade routes were right on.

It escapes me why people

would work so diligently preparing a spectacle for inconsiderate slob.

Sincerely,
Vera LaNasa
Slidell

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St. Rose de Lima annual Lenten Revival begins this Monday

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St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church announces Our Annual Lenten Revival on March 10th, 11th, and 12th from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM each night at the church located at 301 South Necess Avenue in Bay St. Louis. The overall theme for the revival is "It's Time to Come Out". All are invited to attend. For more information call the church office at 467-7347.

Fr. R. Tony Richard will be the revivalist. He is a Priest for the Archdiocese of New Orleans and is the Pastor of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish and St. Philip the Apostle Parish in

New Orleans. Fr. Tony is proud to be on fire with the Power of the Holy Spirit. As is evident in his faith-filled presentations, he is committed to a steadfast journey to God's Kingdom. While sharing his faith, he invites others to join him on this journey. His joy and excitement in being a Christian and member of the Roman Catholic Church are quite contagious. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, his enthusiasm spreads like wildfire.

Fr. Tony is the Past-President of the National Black Catholic Seminarians Association and has held positions on several diocesan and national boards.

He currently holds a position on the Archdiocesan Presbyteral (Priest) Council and on July 1, 2002 was appointed as the

Archdiocesan Liaison for African-American Vocations to the Priesthood.

He has given keynote addresses, retreats, revivals, and youth talks

across the nation. He is a native of New Orleans and a proud graduate of Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary School and St. Augustine High School. He is a former

New Orleans Public School teacher who holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Xavier University and a Master of Divinity degree from Notre Dame Seminary.

Cuevas

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as a tornado or other natural disaster.

We also approved bills that delete the statute of limitations for sexual abuse of children, makes it a crime to issue a threat of a biological or chemical attack and another measure that makes it a crime to injure or kill a public service animal, such as a police drug-sniffing dog.

Again, none of this is extremely high-profile, but absolutely necessary to maintain our state government at an effective level.

Let me know what you think about these or any other matters of interest to you by calling me in Jackson at 601-359-3770 or by writing to me at P.O. Box 10 18, Jackson, Ms. 3 9215.

Rumors about new air service get grounded

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Rumors that there will be a new flight service at Stennis International Airport are simply not true, said the program manager at Port and Harbor Jerry Hemphill on Friday. There will be no new airline and no commercial service at the airport.

Commissioners are in negotiations with a company Mardi Gras Air which will provide services as another Fixed Base Operator (FBO) on the field, Hemphill said, but details

involved in the deal are not finalized at this time.

"We are close to concluding a deal with Mardi Gras Air," he said. "But details of the operation will not be released until the regular monthly meeting of the commission on March 24."

Hemphill said that details of services that will be offered by the company, pictures, and biographies of the people involved in the operation will likely be released at that time.

The principal owner of Mardi Gras Air is New Orleans resident Greg Talbot.

Waveland Little League Baseball tryouts slated

Waveland Little League will have its final tryouts for its upcoming baseball season on the following dates:

Sunday, March 16, Time: 4pm until 8pm

Friday, March 21, Time: 7pm until 9pm

Saturday, March 22, Time: 10am until 2pm

All tryouts will be held at the Elmwood Bourgeois Park (Waveland Little League Field) Central Avenue and Waveland

Avenue in Waveland, for all ages 5 year old thru 14 year old. A player must reach the age of 5 before August 1, and a player cannot reach the age of 15 before August 1. Uniforms will be on March 13.

Pictures will be on March 20.

For information call Leo or Marian 469-0687, Clay or Becky 467-4710. Please leave message and phone number and someone will get back with you.

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In honor of Hayley Arceneaux, a recent patient at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., Diamondhead Brownie Troop 194 has made a donation to the facility to help continue their work in research and treatment to help benefit children around the world.

Hayley was adopted as a special member of the troop after Hayley's cousin and troop member, Lauren Liebekemann, shared the story of her cousin and the excellent care Hayley received while at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Diamondhead Brownie Troop 194 would like to



Pictured (front row, from left): Camille Swanson, Courtney Geroux, Kendall Ritten, Erin Matthews, and Faith Crawford; Sara Luther, Emma McRaney, Lauren Liebekemann (shown holding the donation in honor of her cousin, Hayley Arceneaux), Sarah Boozer and Amy Love.

encourage others in joining their troop by honoring a friend or remembering a loved one by making a donation to

donations to the Memorial and Honor Program, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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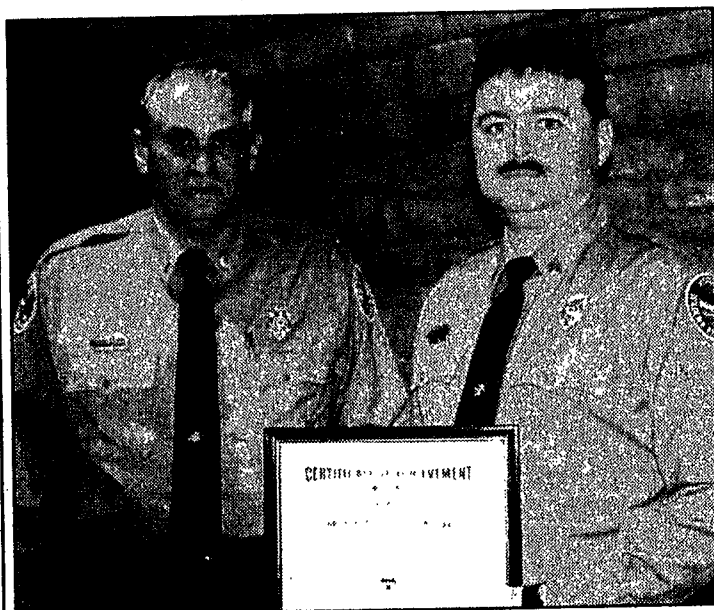
Honorable Mention



Hancock Middle School eighth-graders Raoul Boughton (left) and Kevin Carlisle (right) were recently selected as honorable mention winners in the 2003 Martin Luther King Jr. essay contest sponsored by the Committee for Coast-Wide Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration. This year's essay theme was "How Does Dr. Martin Luther King

Jr.'s Vision Affect Me Today?" and participants were invited to a mid-January reception at the Coast Coliseum Convention Center. For more information about this story or to learn more about educational activities in the Hancock County School District, please contact Tammy Stafford, public relations coordinator, at 228-255-0376.

Making wildlife safer



Pictured from left are Lieutenant Chester Diaz, Officer Kevin Carlisle. Officer Carlisle was chosen as District 6 Boating Officer of the Year for the MS Dept. of Wildlife, Fisheries, Parks. Officer Carlisle was chosen for his ability to get safe boating out to the public.

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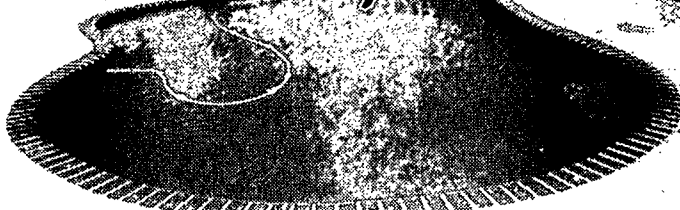
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Hancock County Board visits schools

On Monday, Feb. 17, in conjunction with Mississippi School Board Member Recognition Week, the Hancock County Board of Education and Superintendent of Education Mike Ladner toured each school in the Hancock County School District.

At the first stop, Hancock Middle School, Gov. Ronnie Musgrove was on-hand to present a copy of recent legislation passed in the House and Senate that placed the funding of education first in the budget process. The board members and Musgrove visited various classrooms in the eighth-grade hall and were pleased to read "thank you" on cards and banners dotted throughout the school.

At the next school, Hancock High School, student council officers greeted the honored guests during a reception held in the school library. As a token of appreciation, Musgrove was presented with hand-made Mardi Gras baskets designed by Gay Davis, life skills class.

During a tour stop in Kelley McKnight's history class, the governor remarked that all 32,354 classrooms across the state of Mississippi are now connected to the Internet.

After Musgrove departed for other school districts along the Gulf Coast, the board then viewed an integrated lesson between Paula McRaney's history class and Kay Lovelace's English class teaching stu-



Charles B. Murphy Elementary Kindergarten students presented gifts to the board of education members (back row, from left) Morgan Ladner, Larry Seal, Superintendent Mike Ladner, Cheryl Bennett, Larry Peterson, and Peggy Ladner during Mississippi School Board Member Recognition Week on Feb. 16-22.

dents about the Red Scare.

The Board of Education traveled next to Hancock North Central Elementary where they saw Mr. Beiser's fifth graders learning about erosion and deposition, watched kindergarten students in Ms. Necaise's music class dance to the beanie song, and heard students in Ms. Wizard's class sing and speak about animals using the Spanish language.

During the next stop at East Hancock Elementary, board members saw Tonya Perniciaro's kindergarten class engaged in an interactive writing activity. Joan Brezeale's gifted students

preparing an exhibit on space, and Ms. Gardener's gifted students writing "bubble gum" stories.

For lunch, the Hancock County Vocational Technical Center's Food Service students prepared a delicious meal at the Hungry Hawks Cafe. Board of Education members left the Vo-Tech Center and moved south to Gulfview Elementary. Here kindergarten students utilized the fine arts facility to sing songs to the Board and Debbie Estapa's second-graders presented the guests with hand-made flower pot love bugs.

The final stop on the tour of schools, Charles B.

Murphy Elementary, gave the board members and Ladner an opportunity to see the recently opened Hancock Bank mini-bank branch, receive wrapped candles from kindergarten students during physical education class, and visit other classroom with students engaged in the learning process.

Near the day's end, board members gathered for a small reception at the Superintendent of Education's Office. The board all agreed that visiting schools is an important part of their continued commitment to excellence in the Hancock School District.

Which of These Costly Homeseller Mistakes Will You Make When You Sell Your Home?

Hancock County, a new report has just been released which reveals 7 costly mistakes that most homeowners make when selling their home, and a 9 Step System that can help you sell your home fast and for the most amount of money.

This industry report shows clearly how, the traditional ways of selling homes have become increasingly less and less effective in today's market. The fact of the matter is that fully three quarters of homesellers don't get what they want for their home and become disillusioned and worse- financially disadvantaged when they put their home on the market. As this report uncovers,

most homesellers make 7 deadly mistakes that cost them literally thousands of dollars. The good news is that each and every one of these mistakes is entirely preventable.

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This is a great opportunity to nominate an individual who has worked with crime victims and has lived up to this year's theme: "Fulfilling the Promise." If you know

someone that has made the extra effort to make sure Mississippi continues to fulfill its promises to our crime victims, please feel free to nominate someone you feel worthy of recognition.

The Amy Clayton Victim Service recognizes a paid service provider who has worked diligently in the areas of direct services, public policy, public private partnerships, innovative practices, technology, advocacy, outreach and service coordination.

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Volunteer Advocate Award will be presented to a volunteer who has worked diligently to advance the victim rights movement.

The Amy Clayton Justice Award will go to an agency, as a whole, for the coordinated efforts

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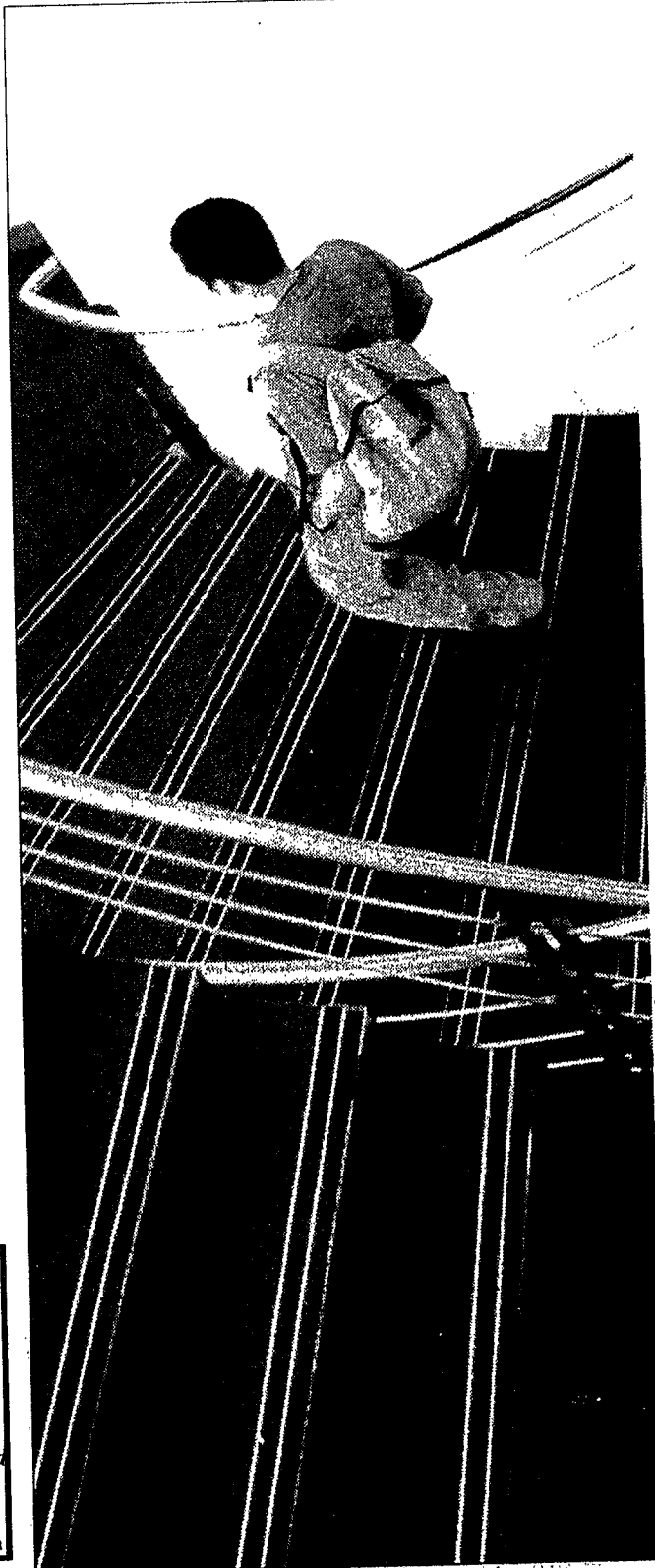
Twenty-five students are chosen each year as members of Southern Style. The members serve as orientation leaders for new students and parents during the summer and also serve as recruiters for the university.

Jason Sick, 21, a junior marketing major from Bay St. Louis, was among those chosen.

He is the son of Clay and Kathleen Sick of Bay St. Louis.

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CHARLES CERVENKA
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Charles P. Cervenka, 84, died Tuesday, March 4, 2003, in Gautier.

Mr. Cervenka was a native of Chicago and a longtime resident of the Gulf Coast. He was a retired quality control supervisor and a member of Nativity BVM Catholic Church in Biloxi.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Cervenka; his parents, Frank and Mary Cervenka; a brother, Frank Cervenka; and a sister, Christine Tolson.

Survivors include a wife, Nina Cervenka of Biloxi; a daughter, Maryann Parrish of Pass Christian; two sisters, Ann Kujak and Marie Lukas, both of Illinois; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held Friday at Riemann Memorial Funeral Home in Gulfport. Burial was held in Floral Hills Memorial Gardens and Mausoleum in Gulfport.

The family prefers memorials to St. Vincent

Card of Thanks

The Family of the late Carol Hawkins - Bolling would like to express our sincere thanks to our many families and friends for their love, prayers, support, visits, food, cards, flowers, phone calls, and sympathy. We extend a special thanks to Rev. Henry Dunn and the Mount Chapel Baptist Church family. We especially appreciate the doctors, nurses and staff at Hancock Medical Center of Bay St. Louis and Baylous Funeral Home of Picayune, Ms. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

Graciously Yours,
Charlie (Chuck) Bolling

Card of Thanks

We would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to all those who were there to help in our time of need. To all those at the scene of the accident, those who brought food, cards, flowers and prayers. Your thoughtfulness will always be with us. Words can never express the appreciation we have for Riemann Funeral Home and it's staff. In our time of sorrow they were there to make our little angels' journey easier for us to bear. In our time of grief they showed such compassion and understanding. We would especially like to thank Wayne, Chad, Allen, Heidi and everyone who helped us so much. Once again please accept our deepest thanks and appreciation for going above and beyond to be there for us.

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NORMAN COWART
Norman Cowart, 83, of Gulfport died Tuesday, March 4, 2003 in Biloxi.

Mr. Cowart was born in New Orleans and was a life long resident of the Gulf Coast. He was a retired plumber and previously served in the U.S. Army in W.W.II. He was an avid fisherman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Ruby Crawford Cowart Sr.; a son, Floyd K. Cowart; two brothers, Troy Cowart and J. Y. Cowart; and a grandson, Nall Ladner.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Idell Cowart of Gulfport; three daughters, Lynda (Bill) Ladner of Gulfport, Deloris (David) Kneel and Juanita (Robert) Barnett, all of Saucier; a son, Norman Ray Cowart of Gulfport; four sisters, Linda Odom, Vivian Thibault, Leola Green and Lezette Taylor, all of Orange Grove; two brothers, Floyd Cowart and Ernest Cowart, both of Orange Grove; 15 grandchildren, Sherri (Keith) Bryant of Saucier, Becky (Paul) Lonney of Gulfport, Darlene Cowart of Texas, Mary Helen Wormsmer of Carriere, Linda Cowart of Gulfport, Maryann (Terry) Bonta of Moss point, Pam Fazio of Saucier, Tammy (Dent) Ladner of Pass Christian, Bobby (Jennifer) Rhitmanich, David (Katherine) Kneel, Kimberly Rhitmanich, all of Saucier, Vicki Rhitmanich of Ocean Springs, Lesia Hickman of McHenry, Robert (Monique) Barnett Jr. of Saucier, and Steven (Chantel) Barnett of Lizana; thirty-six great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, Dylan Lizana.

Services were held Friday at Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport. Burial was held in Finley Cemetery.

JEWEL LAWSON

Jewel K. Lawson, 82, died Tuesday, March 4, 2003 in

Ocean Springs.

Mrs. Lawson was a native of Crystal Springs.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Homer William Lawson; a son, David William Lawson; and nine brothers and sisters.

Survivors include a daughter, Debbie K. Campbell of Diamondhead. O'Bryant-O'Keefe Funeral Home in Pascagoula is in charge of arrangements.

LONNIE MOE

Lonnie Earl Moe, 90, died Tuesday, March 4, 2003, in Ocean Springs.

Mr. Moe was a lifelong resident of Vancleave. He served in WWII with the U.S. Navy. He retired as an Equipment Operator for Jackson County and was a member of Community of Christ Church in Vancleave.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rosa Cook Moe; a daughter, Gail A. Oliver; a son, Thomas E. Webb; parents, Elton and Sabra Goff Moe; two sisters, Elta Tanner and Olive Miller; and two brothers, William "Son" Moe and Ruble Moe.

Survivors include a daughter, JoAnn Lutes, and husband, Lynn, of Vancleave; two sons, Bearlin Webb and wife, Susan, of Biloxi and Howard Lavell Webb and wife, Barbara, of Tulsa, Okla.; a daughter-in-law, Rose C. Webb of Gulfport; a son-in-law, Louis Oliver of Bay St. Louis; 13 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Friday at Community of Christ Church in Vancleave. Burial was held in Community of Christ Church Cemetery.

INFANT ALEXIA NICOLE NEPHEW

Infant Alexia Nicole Nephew, 10 months, of Waveland, MS, died Thursday, March 6, 2003, in Bay St. Louis, MS.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, George Nephew, Sr.

Survivors include her father, George Nephew, Jr.,

of Waveland; mother, Archelle Perrat of Waveland; two brothers, Ryan Varnado of Chalmette, LA and Seth Bourgeois, of Bay St. Louis; three sisters, Amber Ann Gex, Brittany Lee Perret, and Kyrstal AnnaBelle Perret all of Chalmette, LA; grandmothers, Bonita Cook of Asburn, GA and Deborah Gex of Huntsville, Texas; great-grandmother, Maxine Gex, of Houston, Texas.

A prayer service will be held on Monday, March 10, 2003, at noon from Riemann Funeral Home Chapel in Bay St. Louis, where family and friends may call after 11 a.m.

Burial will follow in Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Bay St. Louis. Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

DELORES SAUCIER

Delores Antunica Saucier, 58, of Long Beach, MS, died Thursday, March 5, in Gulfport, MS.

Mrs. Saucier, a native of New Orleans, was a resident of the coast most of her life and was a catholic.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Saucier, Sr.; parents, Nicholas and Dorothy Lassabe Antunica; two sisters, Marie Baker and Kathleen Moran; and a granddaughter, Charlene Frances Johnson.

Survivors include her son, Earl Saucier Jr., of Gulfport; six daughters, Dorothy Lewis, Elizabeth Saucier, both of Long Beach; Rita Keller, of Lyman; Clair Goff, of Saucier; Nora Johnson, of Bay St. Louis; a brother, Nicholas Antunica of Pass Christian; a sister, Dorothy Bunting, of Danville, VA; 22 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, at Riemann Funeral Home, 25th Avenue in Gulfport, where friends may call after noon. Burial will be in Gulf Pines Memorial Gardens and Mausoleum in Long Beach.

Murder

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"When officers arrived, the suspect was on the scene and was attempting to render aid to the child," McNeil said AMR ambu-

lance personnel took the infant, Alexis Nicole Nephew, to Hancock Medical Center, where she was pronounced dead on arrival.

"Investigation revealed that the child was left in the immediate care of a relative by the child's mother," Archelle Perret, McNeil said, "and was brought over to the location on Carroll St. by the relative."

"The child was left with (Boswell) for a period of time, during which the

injuries ... occurred."

The incident is still under investigation by Chief of Detectives Tom Burleson and Detective Don Watson, along with investigators from the Mississippi Crime Lab.

A funeral service for Alexis is scheduled for noon Monday at the Riemann Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation begins at 11 a.m.

Boswell's initial court appearance has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 26.

Legion Post #77 and Bay High School team up for blood drives

American Red Cross blood services and chapters across the United States are celebrating Red Cross month in March, as proclaimed by President Bush.

Blood donors can celebrate with the Red Cross at two Hancock County blood drives in March. The first will be held on Wednesday, March 12 from 2:00 until 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post #77 on Coleman Avenue in Waveland. All donors will receive a t-shirt.

The SADD Club and the ROTC Drill Team from Bay High School will sponsor their blood drive on Tuesday, March 25, 2003

from 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of Bay High on Blue Meadow Road. The blood drive is also open to community donors as well as students 17 years old or older. Donors will receive a t-shirt as a thank you for giving the gift of life.

To give blood you must be 17 years old or older, weigh at least 110 pounds, have not donated blood in the past 56 days and be in good health.

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NORMAN THERIOT

Norman Joseph Theriot, 68, died Tuesday, March 4, 2003 in Biloxi.

Mr. Theriot was a native of Houma, La., and a resident of Pass Christian. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force during the Korean conflict and was of the Catholic faith.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ned Theriot Sr. and Marguerite Bergeron Theriot; a daughter, Mary Theriot; and one sister, Dorothy T. Sigur.

Survivors include one son, Cary John Theriot; two daughters, Ann and Theresa Theriot; two brothers, Ned and Bruce Theriot; and one sister, Joy Theriot.

Services were held Friday at Riemann Funeral home. Burial was held in Biloxi National Cemetery.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Greenways group seeks public's input

Ron Magee of NASA and David O'Leary of Wellman say, "the committee wants to know what you think!" Magee said he encourages all Chamber members to participate in the Hancock County Greenways and Trails project by filling out a survey to provide information and recommendations for open space, trails and recreation.

Your suggestions will help guide the Hancock Greenways Plan to create a network of open space, protected areas and trails throughout the County.

Surveys can be obtained at the following locations: Pearlinton Library now-March 15; Bay St. Louis Library from March 17 - April 5; and, the Kiln Library from April 8 - 10. You can also request a copy of the survey by calling the Chamber at 467-9048 or by e-mailing susandal@ametro.net.

This Committee meets monthly, first Friday at 8:15am at various locations. Sub-committees meet as scheduled. To get involved call Sue Chamberlain at 493-1147. To learn more about the Greenways Plan, a reception and presentation is set for Monday, April 7, 5:30 p.m. at the Hancock County Equine Facility located on Kiln-Delisle Road.

Jobless story mixed

BY BARBARA POWELL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — While national reports show evidence that the job market is still getting weaker, Mississippi's jobless figures are giving mixed signals.

Fewer Mississippi workers are entering the ranks of the unemployed this year than last, but the ranks of the long-term unemployed are increasing.

"We've got a mixed picture right here," said Jan Garrick, a spokeswoman for the Mississippi Employment Security Commission.

More Mississippians filed first-time applications for state unemployment benefits last week than the week before, 3,270 vs. 2,641. But for the five months ending March 1, initial jobless claims fell to 89,215 from 91,066 in the same period a year ago.

"That shows we're a little below what we were a year ago, but we don't have enough information yet to show it's a start of a trend," Garrick said.

Nationally, the Labor Department said initial jobless claims for the week ended March 1 rose more than expected: Up 12,000 to 430,000, the highest since December.

Statewide, the number of workers drawing unemployment benefits for more than a week rose slightly to 26,769 in the week ending March 1 from 26,446 the week before. But that's an improvement over a year ago when 37,370 Mississippi workers had been receiving benefits for more than a week.

The ranks of the long-term unemployed, those drawing unemployment benefits for more than 15 weeks, has risen significantly statewide since last year. In the week ending Feb. 22, 9,489 Mississippians had been unemployed more than 15 weeks, compared to 6,137 the year before.



Ribbon cutting

Bay Park Apartments, 10 Bay Park Way, Bay St. Louis, recently celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting. In attendance were Tish Haas Williams, Jeff Carrothers, Michelle Stoddard, Mary Jane Cox, Jenna Jones, Paul Shaw, Amanda Baros, Chip Tripplett, Frances Graves, John Baxter, and others friends and colleagues. The new apartment complex offers two and three bedroom units with many amenities, including a pool and clubroom. For more information, call 466-3639. (Staff photo by Cecilia Howe)

Hancock Bank announces senior officer promotions

During last week's annual joint meeting of Hancock Bank's Louisiana and Mississippi boards of directors, Hancock management announced promotions of three senior Hancock officers.

The board approved Chief Credit Officer Alfred G. Rath, a 34-year veteran of Hancock Bank, as Executive Vice President. Rath became part of the Hancock management team in February 2002.

Additionally, the board recognized Credit Concurrence Administrator Diane Havard and Private Banking Manager Clay Wagner as new senior vice presidents.

"We are very pleased to recognize each of these individuals for achievement within their profession and their role in Hancock's growth as a financial services leader. We look forward to each banker remaining an integral part of our organization as we enter new markets and expand the products and services we offer our customers," said Hancock Holding Company Chief Executive Officer George A. Schloegel.

A Stone County native and Long Beach resident, Rath has direct responsibility for all facets of credit operations and the integrity of company's credit portfolio. The University of Southern Mississippi (USM) alumnus has extensive banking experience and graduated from the prestigious Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University (LSU). He was charter president of the Risk Management Association's Mid-South chapter, charter member of the Gulfport Exchange Club, and a Jaycee. He has been active with AIB and has volunteered with both the United Way of South Mississippi and the

Mac user group to meet

The South Mississippi Mac User Group will meet Tuesday, March 11, 6-7 p.m. at the Mississippi Power Bldg in Gulfport. The main topic will be, "Computer Troubleshooting Techniques" Benson Young will provide a holistic view of computer troubleshooting. Rather than address specific computer programs and their idiosyncracies, Benson will look at the "big picture" of computer troubleshooting and demonstrate how to think through tough computer problems.



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American Heart Association. Rath is a past deacon and trustee of the Long Beach First Baptist Church.

Havard, who received a masters of business administration from USM and completed the Graduate School of Banking at LSU, joined Hancock Bank 18 years ago. A past financial vice president for the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce, she currently serves on the Gulf Coast Chapter of the American Red Cross board of directors and remains active in the Gulfport Rotary Club. Havard is the incoming chairperson of Goodwill Industries of South Mississippi. She attends Trinity United Methodist Church in Gulfport.

Pass Christian native

Attention Kmart Shoppers

On Page 10 of our March 9, 2003 weekly advertised circular, the Legend of Zelda Gamecube is offered with a two game bonus disk free. The two game bonus disk will not be available. Nintendo cannot supply the two game bonus disk due to over demand and does not plan to make them available in the future.

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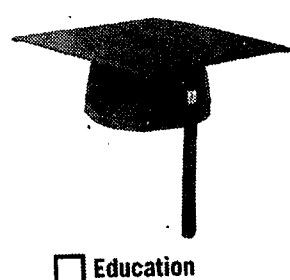
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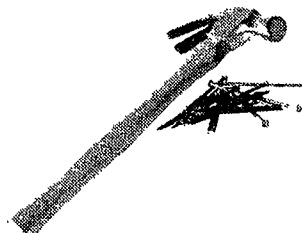
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SPORTS

Lady Wildcats win championship

CLINTON Pearl River Community College's Lady Wildcats are heading to the NJCAA National Women's Championship Tournament after winning their second Region XXIII title in eight years here Thursday on the Mississippi College campus.

The Lady Wildcats will enter the national event set for the Bicentennial Center in Salina, Kan., March 18-22, after disposing of Southwest Mississippi 75-66 in Thursday's Region XXIII Tournament championship game in A.E. Wood Coliseum. The feat marks the second time in history a PRCC women's team has copped a national tournament berth, with the first coming in 1995.

Pearl River upset undefeated defending regional champ Copiah-Lincoln 81-

70 in Wednesday's semi-finals to get into the championship game, snapping the No. 3-ranked Lady Wolves' 28-game winning streak. Co-Lin repeated as state champions last week as hosts of the MACJC State Tournament. Southwest upended Itawamba to grab its title round berth.

The Lady Wildcats jumped out to an early 5-0 lead when Kira Tillman of Poplarville sank her first of two treys and never looked back. The Lady Bears never led during the entire game, but managed to deadlock the score twice in the first seven minutes.

Tillman's bucket with 12:30 left in the half snapped a 12-12 tie and the Lady Wildcats never relinquished their lead. Another

Tillman basket 6:50 before the intermission gave PRCC its largest lead of the first half 24-14 but the Lady Bears cut the Lady Wildcats' lead to 31-29 with 35 seconds left off a bucket by Tara Abdul-Hari. Stephanie Gonzales of Hattiesburg beat the half-time buzzer with a bucket to make it 33-29 at the intermission.

In the opening minutes of the second half, Southwest kept it close, but the Lady Wildcats gradually pulled away. Liz Palmer of Oak Grove hit a bucket with 6:18 left to put PRCC up by 17, then followed seconds later with a foul shot to give the Lady Wildcats their largest lead of the game 18 points at 62-44.

Southwest felt the urgency. Ashley Sziber hit a trey at the 5:00 mark to kickoff an impressive 15-2 run to cut PRCC's lead to 64-59 with 3:30 left. Abdul-Hadi hit her only trey of the night and a duce during the spurt, while Nakeya Downing contributed two two-point buckets.

During the remaining time, PRCC would sink nine of 12 foul shots, along with a basket by Gonzales to ice

the victory. Southwest's Tramecia Williams hit a trey at the buzzer to end the scoring.

The boards told a huge tale, with the Lady Wildcats out rebounding the Lady Bears 41-32.

Kelley led the Lady Wildcats with 23 points, including three three pointers, six boards, and five assists; while Gonzales hit a season-high 19 and grabbed six boards. Tillman contributed 13 (one trey) and hauled in nine rebounds and dished off a game-high seven assists; while Jancsi Newsome of Petal added nine and grabbed a team-high 10 boards. Palmer added three and Kim Winfrey of Oak Grove scored two.

Abdul-Hadi led all scorers in the contest with 25, including one trey and 14 rebounds; while Nakeya Downing scored 21, Williams nine (one trey), Sabrina Ard (one trey) and Mikela Martin, four each; and Sziber three (one trey).

On the men's side, the Northwest Rangers claimed their second Region XXIII championship in three seasons with a 77-73 victory against the Holmes Bulldogs in the finals Thursday. The Rangers, 22-9 overall, defeated Mississippi Gulf Coast 87-62 in the opening round of the event, then knocked off Southern-Shreveport 79-65 in the semi-finals to set up the third matchup of the year between Northwest and Holmes.

Northwest now eyes the NJCAA Men's Championship Tournament in Hutchinson, Kan. (some 100 miles south of Salina), March 18-22.

Champs!

Bay High girls take title

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Carmen Labat scored 29 points and made two free throws with 1:03 left to put Bay St. Louis ahead for good as the Lady Tigers defeated Canton 67-63 to win the MHSAA Class 4A state championship Thursday night.

Bay St. Louis (35-1), which lost in the finals last year to Jackson Province, won its first state title. The Lady Tigers were the highest ranked team in Class 4A all season, finishing the regular season as co-No. 1 in the state. The Lady Tigers' only loss was to 5A power Hancock.

Erica McElroy led Canton (24-9) with 27 points.

Labat scored 12 of her teams' 21 points in the third quarter to help Bay High overcome a 46-38 deficit. The Lady Tigers used a 9-0 run to take a 47-46 lead after three quarters.

"We never thought that we were out of it," said Labat. "This was an exciting game. Coach just told us to continue to play hard. I wish that we could have had a perfect record, that would

have made it better."

Felicia Thomas made one of two free throws with 1:17 left for Bay St. Louis to make it 60-59.

Trezeetta Ratcliff hit two free throws moments later for Canton to regain the lead, 61-60.

Then LaBat was fouled going to the goal and sank her two shots to make it 62-61 Bay St. Louis with a minute left.

Bay St. Louis got a steal on Canton's next possession and Canton was forced to foul to stop the clock with 19.3 seconds left.

Stephanie Reed hit two from the line to extend the lead to 64-61, and after Canton committed its 24 turnover Kendra Reed hit one more free throw to make it 65-61.

Canton, making its first appearance in the state finals, raced to a 14-4 lead in the first seven minutes of the game.

"We were out of sync in the first half," said Bay High head coach Debbie Triplett. "We settled down and took it to them in the second half. That's a good team that we beat."

Some ticket holders denied admission

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Police had to disperse a crowd of about a hundred people who were trying to push their way into the Mississippi Coliseum to watch the MHSAA Class 4A boys' state championship game Thursday night, authorities said.

The game featured Jackson city rivals Province and Lanier and was a sell-out of 8,000 as announced by high school officials.

When arena officials stopped letting fans in, many with tickets were left outside, authorities said.

After the crowd outside had thinned, Hinds County Sheriff's deputies were still turning away ticket holders and those with media passes.

A deputy was taken to the hospital, received stitches and was released, said Steve Pickett, spokesman for the Hinds County Sheriff's Office.

Two people were taken into custody, Pickett said, but no charges had been filed yet.

The girls' 4A state championship between Bay St.

Louis and Canton was played before Lanier-Province game.

Waveland Little League signup continues

Waveland Little League will have it finals try outs for its upcoming baseball season on the following dates:

Sunday, March 16, Time: 4pm until 8pm
Friday, March 21, Time: 7pm until 9pm

Saturday, March 22, Time: 10am until 2pm
All try outs will be held at the Elmwood Bourgeois Park

(Waveland Little League Field) Central Avenue and Waveland Avenue in Waveland, for all ages 5 year old thru 14 year old. A player must reach the age of 5 before August 1, and a player cannot reach the age of 15 before August 1. Players may also register at this time. A player, manager, coach, umpire or volunteers must have an application turned in before being on the field.

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Notice of Intent/Notice of Public Scoping for the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for Purchasing Land and Establishing a Naval Special Warfare Riverine and Jungle Training Range in the easement buffer of the National Aeronautic and Space Administration's John C. Stennis Space Center, Hancock County, Mississippi.

Pursuant to Section 102 (2) (c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, and the regulations implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508). The Department of the Navy announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential environmental consequences of purchasing 5,200 acres of privately owned property located in the northwestern acoustic buffer zone at John C. Stennis Space Center (SSC) in Hancock County, Mississippi, and using the acquired acreage as a Navy Special Warfare Riverine and Jungle Training Range. Live-fire-training on the range would use small arms Short Range Training Ammunition (SRTA) that has a plastic, non-lead, non-explosive projectile and a limited flight profile.

The proposed action will provide Special Operations Forces with reliable and priority access to a training range characterized by a permanent riverine and jungle environment and where live-fire exercises using SRTA can be conducted adjacent to SSC. Establishment of this range would meet the need of Special Operations Forces to train under realistic combat scenarios thereby increasing their readiness to support national defense objectives and reducing combat casualties. It would also provide a range where Special Operations Forces could deploy the maritime unmanned aerial vehicle and conduct exercises using helicopters, boats and vehicles.

Alternatives to be considered in the EIS will address the various types and tempos of training to be conducted on the range and along reaches of the Pearl and Mikes Rivers, including the "No Action" alternatives. Environmental issues that will be addressed in the EIS include, but are not limited to: geology; biotic communities, including threatened and endangered species; water resources; noise; air quality; non-military land uses and access; cultural resources; transportation and waterway navigation; and water and land contaminants. The analysis will include an evaluation of the direct, indirect, short-term, and cumulative impacts. No decision will be made to implement any alternative until the NEPA process is completed.

The Navy will conduct two Public Scoping Meetings during the scoping process to receive oral and written comments on environmental concerns that should be addressed in the EIS. The meetings will consist of an open-house format that allows citizens to attend at any time during the meeting. Representatives from the Navy will be available to answer questions about the proposed action and the EIS. The first meeting will be on Tuesday, March 18, 2003, between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Hancock High School facility, 7084 Stennis Airport Drive, Kiln, Mississippi. The second meeting will be on Thursday, March 20, 2003 between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Slidell City Auditorium, 2056 2nd Street, Slidell, Louisiana.

Federal, state and local agencies, and interested individuals are encouraged to take this opportunity to identify specific issues or environmental concerns that should be addressed in the EIS. Written comments concerning the EIS can be brought to the meeting or sent to the Navy. Written comments must be postmarked by April 21, 2003, and should be mailed to: Special Warfare Training Range EIS, c/o Commanding Officer, Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, P.O. Box 190010, North Charleston, South Carolina 29419-9010 (Attn: Mr. Richard A. Davis, Code ES12/RD), telephone (843) 820-5589, facsimile (843) 820-7472, e-mail to davisra@efdsouth.navfac.navy.mil.

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Clean Streets -- crackdown

"Operation: Clean Streets" Friday afternoon, a well-orchestrated plan devised by officers of the Bay-Waveland Narcotics Drug Task Force and the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics (MBN).

After hours of meticulous planning, grouping and organizing Friday, police exploded onto the scene, blocking the 300 block of Sycamore St. at both ends and subduing six suspects within moments -- without a single shot fired or a single injury reported.

As several officers struggled with one suspect who apparently was trying to swallow evidence, a neighbor across the street yelled at police "Oh Lord, please don't hurt him!" The officers were able to retrieve what appeared to be a plastic-wrapped bundle of crack from the suspect's mouth.

"This is a great day," one on-looker said after all the suspects at the scene were subdued. "I hope they clean 'em all out."

The Bay-Waveland Narcotics Task Force some four months ago conducted operation "Afternoon Delight" in which several drug related arrests were made. But no sooner than some suspects from that operation were released from jail on bond, Bay St. Louis Police Chief Frank McNeil said, his department again received complaints about the same subjects being on the streets selling drugs.

Four suspects who were arrested in "Afternoon Delight" were arrested again in operation "Clean Streets" Friday, following a four-month investigation by the Bay-Waveland Drug agents in an undercover operation in cooperation with the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics.

Also participating in the operation were officers from both the Bay and Waveland police departments, the DEA Task Force and the Gulf Coast HIDTA.

Additionally, another four were arrested for outstanding drug charges, or new charges incurred during the "Clean Streets" operation.

The Bay-Waveland Narcotics Drug Task Force is under the direction of Waveland Police Chief Jimmy Varnell and Bay St. Louis Police Chief Frank McNeil, and was formed January, 2002.

In statement released yesterday morning, McNeil said, "It is hard to explain to our citizens that the system works. Hopefully they will see that this time these individuals, (the ones the complaints were received on), will not be returning to the streets of our city to peddle their poison until after all their cases have been adjudicated."

Varnell said the task force has been working very closely with the District Attorney's Office to insure the maximum sentences and penalties can be imposed on the repeat offenders. Assistant DA Chris Schmidt has been working for "no bond" orders for repeat offenders through both municipal and circuit courts, Varnell said.

On Friday afternoon, agents and police officers executed two search warrants, one in the 300 block of Sycamore and the other in the 700 block of Shieldsborough. Bay St. Louis Lt. Don Ocho has been working with the task force on the operation, as one of the residences is located in a federally-funded housing area, Varnell said.

"Clean Streets" resulted in arrest warrants being issued for 19 individuals on 26 different counts. Drugs purchased ranged from marijuana, oxycontin and crack cocaine. One individual took money and failed to supply narcotics and was charged with petit larceny, McNeil said.

Bay-Waveland Task Force agents in charge of the investigations are Brett Ladner and Laura Stepro



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grams of crack cocaine, one-half pound of marijuana, \$500 cash and a Tec-9 semi-automatic assault weapon. ATF will be contacted concerning the weapon.

Agents say many of the above violators are looking at the possibilities of enhanced penalties, as the majority of the enhancements from this operation came from selling crack cocaine in front of the church on Sycamore Street.

Several of the violators are also facing being charged as habitual offenders. Upon appropriate charging, indictment and conviction, violators can be sentenced to serve "day for day." This means there is no opportunity for parole. One individual may be charged as a life habitual, which means that upon conviction, he will serve life without the ability of parole for the sale of a controlled substance.

Both Varnell and McNeil urge anyone who may have knowledge of possible drug activity in the Bay-Waveland neighborhoods to contact any task force agent at 467-3669, or 467-9221.

Varnell said "We have worked hard to make the cases that will merit the maximum penalties that can be imposed. We want our communities to become a safe place for us to raise our children and also to be able to walk our streets, knowing them to be clean of drugs and violence."

from Waveland and Ian Estorff and Ray Murphy from Bay St. Louis police departments.

The report says the four who were arrested in operation "Afternoon Delight" and "Clean Streets" were;

•Robert Bradley, three counts of sale of a controlled substance. Two counts were for the Bay-Waveland Task Force and one for MBN.

•Marc Price, three counts sale of a controlled substance. One count for the Bay-Waveland agents and two counts for MBN.

•Jamieson Magee, two counts of sale of a controlled substance.

•Bobby Parker, one count of sale of a controlled substance.

The above four are being held without bond, the release reports.

The following were arrested for outstanding charges, police say;

•Galen Smith, three

counts sale of a controlled substance. Two counts Bay-Waveland and one MBN. He is held without bond.

Charles Celestine, one count of sale of a controlled substance for MBN.

Clayton Favre was arrested for petit larceny by Bay-Waveland.

The task force's release also reports the following were arrested on new charges due to the search warrants and being checked at the scenes;

•Jarod Jackson, possession with intent to sell marijuana.

•Galen Smith was also charged with possession with intent to sell marijuana.

•Rodney Bradley was also charged with possession to sell crack cocaine.

•Marc Price was charged with possession of crack cocaine.

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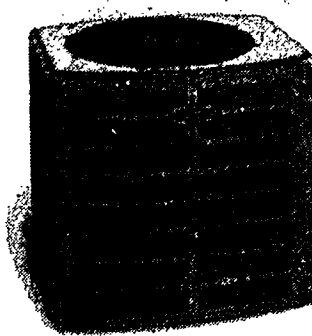
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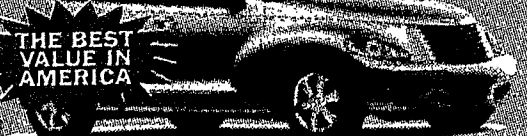
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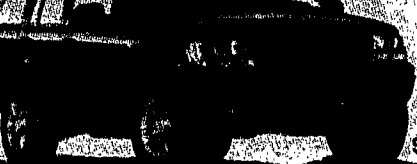
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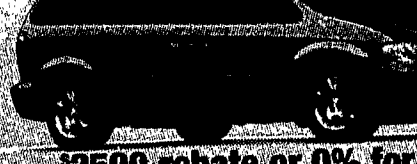
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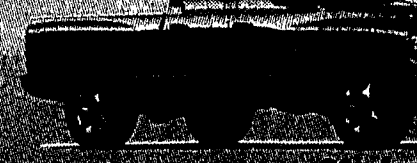
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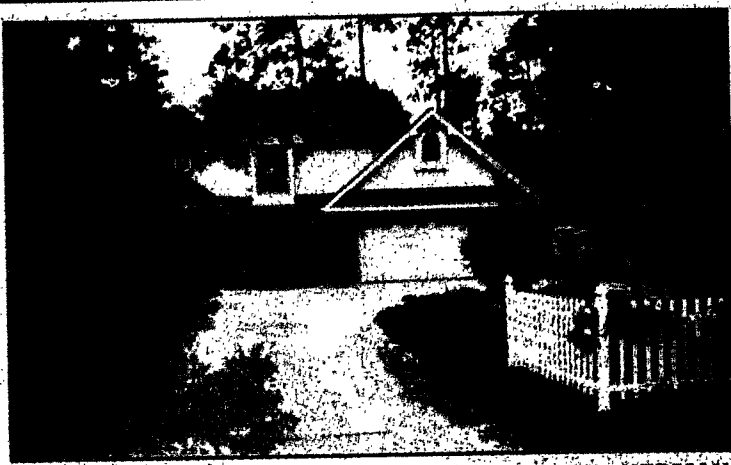
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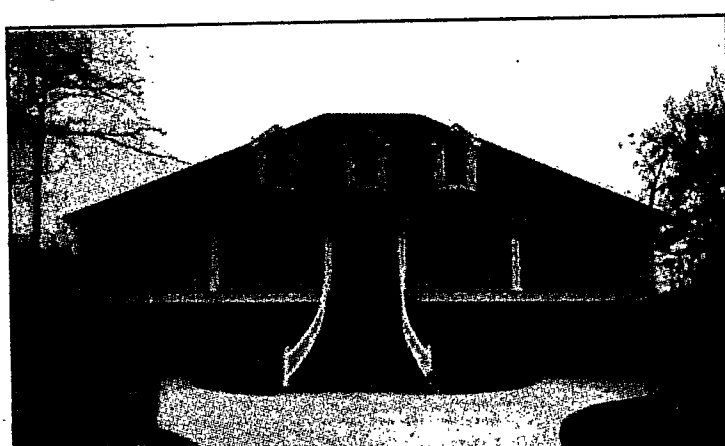
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THE HOME OF HADEN T. AND NANCY BRASHIER, 63750 Diamondhead Drive North. This steel frame home is an unusual construction and guaranteed by the manufacturer to withstand hurricane force winds. The front entrance features double leaded glass doors, a copper metallic faux finish on the walls, and carved teak gates opening to the living area. Second floor lofts, accessed by a steel spiral staircase, flank the 22-foot ceiling in the great room. Hardwood floors were used in the great room and adjoining dining room. The kitchen features stainless steel appliances, two sinks, granite countertops and hickory cabinets. The home has three bedrooms and an office and two lofts. There are a total of four and a half baths. A guest bedroom is designed for the handicapped. The master bath has a marble shower, twin vanities and a large garden tub with whirlpool jets. A gas log fireplace is built into the marble tub surround.



THE HOME AND GARDEN OF DELORES AND HERMAN GLAZIER, 72676 Diamondhead Drive North. As you enter this two-story traditional design home, you are met in the foyer by the beautiful antique marble top table and antique lamp, both reflecting in the antique gold leaf mirror that is over one hundred years in age. The dining room has a gold embossed, four-door china cabinet from Red China containing a large collection of antique French china and cut glass. You continue into the high vaulted ceiling living room decorated with the traditional and antique objects d'art. A painting of DeLores made following the wedding reception held in the Mississippi's Governors mansion, graces the mantel in the living room. You will continue to the gardens for many surprises. You must see for your self to fully enjoy all the beautiful plants.



THE HOME OF RUSSELL AND AMANDA LOVE, 8238 Maunalani Place. You must see this lovely home on the bayou as all living areas have a beautiful view. The round tables, the lowboy chest, and a wooden rocking chair were handcrafted by Amanda's grandfather. There is a display of Fenton Art with each piece signed by a member of the Fenton Family. All Fenton Santa figures have the oldest daughter, Anna, on his list. The upstairs game room features trophy mounts from Russell's many hunting trips.



THE GARDEN AND HOME OF VICTOR AND CASSANDRA NOON, 84583 Diamondhead Drive North. The yards all around the house are beautifully laid out and well maintained. The back opens across a small culvert and onto the golf course. Many areas of interest abound. Within the home Cassandra has handcrafted every lampshade and has many crafts, collection, and antiques on display. These include lamps, tables, colored glassware, plates, poster and more.



THE HOME OF LINDA AND JOHN MITCHELL, 23104 Coehlo Way. This raised-cottage home features 10-foot ceilings and 8-foot wood doors throughout. The charm of wide plank wood floors, rounded column accent elements and old style craftsmanship of wood moldings is obvious upon entering the wide foyer. Situated on a wooded lot, the front and back porches offer a panoramic view of native woodlands and the adjacent airport taxiway. The style and setting of this home accommodates both timeless beauty and the adventuresome spirit of flight.



THE HOME OF DIANE AND EUGENE MITCHELL, 1344 Kaumakapili Street. This impressive coastal living home in a serene waterfront location features vaulted ceilings with suspended mezzanine. Surrounded by glass, the living area glows with natural light and offers the comfort of a wide rear porch with adjoining sunroom.

Pilgrimage

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Thursday; and Ocean Springs and Irish Heritage Gala in Biloxi on Saturday.

Headquarters for Diamondhead on Wednesday is the Community Center where beginning at 10 a.m. maps and refreshments will be offered. The hours for Diamondhead is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The tour includes the homes of Haden T. and Nancy Brashier, 63746 Diamondhead Drive; the home and garden of Deloris and Herman Glazier, 72676 Diamondhead Drive North; the home of Russell and Amanda Love, 8238 Maunalani Place; the garden and home of Victor and Cassandra Noon, 84583 Diamondhead Drive North; the home of Linda and John Mitchell, 23104 Coehlo Way; and the home of Diane and Eugene Mitchell, 1344 Kaumakapili Street.

On Friday from 10 a.m. to noon, the pilgrimage moves to Pass Christian and Pass Christian Isles.

On tour includes: The home of Jack and Elaine Marshall, 608 Sandy Hook Drive; the home of Evelyn Winch and family, 306

Magnolia La.; the home of Wayne and Carol De La Houssaye, Fair Winds, 616 Sandy Hook Drive; the garden of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hester Plaunche, 330 Poindexter Drive.

In Bay St. Louis on Friday, the Hancock County Historical Society at the Kate Lobrano House, 108 Cue St., (across from the courthouse) will from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. have maps of the tour and light refreshments.

The tours of homes from 1 to 4 p.m. include, the Kelly House, 816 N. Beach Blvd.; the home of James and Marion Toledano, 223 Leonhard Avenue; and the cottage and garden of Nancy Masztal, 225 Leonhard Avenue, all in Bay St. Louis.

The Mississippi Gulf Coast Council of Garden Clubs is proud of the fact that the viewing of the homes and garden is free for visitors and does not charge like in other areas.

The tours are complimentary. They do ask that you follow the markers that are used in all communities, and observe the specific viewing hours.

Hancock Women's Club celebrates 23rd anniversary

Thursday, March 13th marks the 23rd anniversary of the Hancock Women's Club. A luncheon is scheduled at Diamondhead Country Club at 10:30, featuring an installation ceremony initiating the current officers for

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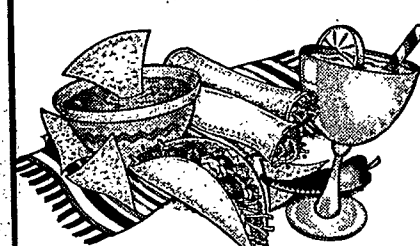
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Late winter cold snaps are enough to make a gardener want to have a groundhog killing, but it would be better to channel our frustrations toward planning this year's landscapes. Therefore, I want to call your attention to a new, must-have plant for 2003.

"Beautiful," "striking" and "tough-as-nails" are just a few of the adjectives horticulturists are using to describe Purple Knight alternanthera after landscape trials. Purple Knight is guaranteed to take gardening to new levels of enjoyment.

Alternanthera may sound familiar since Purple Knight is related to the old-fashioned alternanthera known as the Joseph's coat. That is where most similarities stop, as Purple Knight is like a thoroughbred racehorse yielding its dark purple foliage from late spring until frost.

Purple Knight is an environmentally friendly plant with no serious pests or diseases. Rain by the buckets, winds to make you seek cover and heat that would force you indoors are no match for Purple Knight. This means the Purple Knight provides beauty without the fuss and worry associated with other plants.

Purple Knight ordinarily reaches 16 to 20 inches in height. I planted it with that expectation, and it virtually covered up my salvias, purple heart and society garlic. It reached every bit of 36 inches with an equally impressive spread. But believe me, I was not the least bit upset with its tenacious performance.

When you get yours this spring, space plants 18 to 24 inches apart. The dark purple foliage blends wonderfully with flowers like the Tidal Wave petunia, particularly the silver and hot pink selections. For the complementary color scheme, try yellow, orange or gold flowers like New Gold lantana or the French dwarf-crested marigolds Bonanza or Janie.

Purple Knight is at home in tropical gardens where gardeners can use them as understory plantings to bananas or elephant ears, or grown with cannas, coleus and caladiums.

Those with a cottage-style garden theme will want to use them with bold drifts of perennials like the black-eyed Susan, Shasta daisy, purple coneflower or blue salvia. I grew some last season with ornamental

GARDENING--4B

Loving the SPOTLIGHT

Echo staff photo by Shannon Jenkins

Shannanigans

by Shannon Jenkins
Staff Writer

Bay actor falls in love with theater as second-grader

Although he didn't know what the word meant at the time, Arthur Bailey Jr.'s first time to act on stage was exhilarating.

His performance as Artful Dodger in Charles Dickens' "Oliver!" began his lifelong love of theater. He was only in the second grade when he was "bit by the acting bug."

"When the audience first laughed at my line, I knew they weren't laughing at me," the Bay St. Louis native said. "I wanted to smile and laugh with them, but I didn't want to break my character. Even at that age, acting felt natural."

Sadly, my first experience on stage was neither exhilarating nor natural. In fact, it was downright brutal.

I, too, was in the second grade. It was a Christmas play, and I was decked out in a flawless elf costume my

mother had lovingly made for my first speaking role.

When my turn came to step up to the microphone, I confidently strutted to the spotlight with my prop — a green washcloth.

I stood on my tiptoes and spoke my line smoothly into the microphone.

"Has anyone washed and waxed the sleigh?" I asked.

Then, the unthinkable happened — the audience laughed.

At the time, I didn't realize it was because I was precious and adorable. As a 7-year-old boy holding a washcloth and wearing green tights, it meant hundreds of people were laughing at me.

Stunned, I blinked in bewilderment, bit my bottom lip and walked back to my original spot among the other elves. As the rest of my peers began singing a nice little Christmas carol, I unloaded some bitter tears into my now useful wash-



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Arthur Bailey Jr., second from right, is pictured with other cast members in Gulfport Little Theatre's production of "Sand Pies and Scissorlegs," running March 12-16. For more information about the play, call 228-864-7983.

cloth. It was pitiful.

Needless to say, my first experience on stage was just as memorable as Arthur's. Our experience, however, led us on quite different paths. While I shied away from the stage for the next 11 years or so, Arthur embraced the spotlight.

"I was a little nervous my first time on stage, but I got over it quickly," he said. "It thrilled me to death. I knew it was something I wanted to do for the rest of my life."

Over 20 years later,

Arthur still feels the same about being on stage. He averages about six shows per year.

"I want the experience and joy to say, 'I was in that show,'" he said. "I do it because it's my life. It's my drug of choice. I never get tired of doing it."

Arthur said he would actually get tired of taking a break after every other show. So, when one play is over, he auditions for the next.

Last year, however,

Arthur took the longest break of his theatrical career when he went to massage therapy school for nine months.

"The school started right when the play season began on the Coast and ended when the season ended," he said. "I was really going through withdrawals. It nearly killed me. Not really, but it felt like it."

He said people wanted him to audition for their shows, and he couldn't.

BAILEY--5B

Thoughts on a winter's day

If winter comes, can spring be far behind?

-Percy Bysshe Shelley,
I've just come in from walking Jennie on the beach. It's a gray, coolish day, temperatures in the low 50s, no rain but damp, moody.

I was once stationed on a small naval station on the southern end of Cuba; the dry, the very dry, end of Cuba. I was there, two years and during that time it only rained once. Every day was a bright, sunny day with temperatures in the low eighties. The one day it did rain, we ran outside the barracks and yelled and danced around the building naked in the rain.

Every so often, you want a change.

It hasn't been too nice of late. During the last week or so, several thrusts of cold Canadian air have come south reaching almost to the Gulf Coast. Snow storms have closed roads and caused large-scale power outages to broad areas of the northeast. I spoke to someone in Maryland yesterday and he spoke about large drifts of snow and the slush he had to go through to get to work. I guess they want a change about now.

I believe that generally change is good. It keeps you on your toes. It gives an edge, a decided spice to life that makes it the

enjoyable thing it is. There may well be a Utopia somewhere, some heaven, paradise of contentment, but I'm not sure I want it. Like my time in the sunny days of southern Cuba, a cold rain can be a welcome change.

Today is not anything like it is to the people in the north, but it is cool and dreary. When I walked on the beach with Jennie I didn't have to yell at her to stay out of the cold water of the Mississippi Sound, one slight toe dip and she does this bit of thinking on her own. She loves the beach and the exulting feeling of freedom, presented by its open spaces. Shortly after

breakfast she starts nudging me and finally I break down and we go off together.

She races ahead of me at top speed in broad circles, shedding the excess energy she has accumulated from being cooped these last two rainy days. There are no birds on the beach for her to chase, I suppose it's either too cold or too early or both, and Jennie has to make up imaginary purposes for her racing circles. She seems to be doing this very well.

She is getting old though. This January, she was twelve. She won't be able to be so spry much longer. Well, in April I'll be 73. I find I can't jump to one side and click my heels in the air as I once could. So I guess she and I are about even.

Holly, our black tomcat, doesn't come down to the beach since the hurricane of last year. He prefers to accompany us on our walks by running through the bushes of the beach houses.

VIEWS--5B

Views From a Front Porch

by Paul Estronza La Violette
laviolette@mail.datasync.com



What's for Lunch?

March 10-14

Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District

Chef Salad, Milk and Condiments served daily

BREAKFAST

Monday: Pancakes & sausage, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

Tuesday: Sausage and Biscuit, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

Wednesday: Grits and Hashbrowns, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

Thursday: Grilled cheese sandwich, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

Friday: Cinnamon Raisin bread, Cereal, Toast, Juice

LUNCH

Monday: Stromboli, Chicken Patty Sandwich,

Corn, Baked Beans, Apple, Fruit Mix, Rice Krispie Treat

Tuesday: Beef Patty w/rice, Steak Sandwich, Cheesy Broccoli, Peas and Carrots, Peach Slices, Fresh Orange, Chewy Fudge Brownie

Wednesday: Red Beans and Rice, Sausage, Bacon Burger, Seasoned Potato, Cole Slaw, Banana, Strawberry Blend, Mexican Cornbread

Thursday: Chili Cheese Frito, American Sub Sandwich w/trimming, Peas, Carrot Stick, Fruit Cocktail, Fruit Bowl, Butter Cookie

Friday: Chicken Quesadil, Fish Nuggets, Lima Beans, Garden Salad w/Dressing, pears, Rosy

Applesauce
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Tuesday: Macaroni & cheese with ham, shaved ham & cheese po'boys, chef salad, tater tots, corn, let-

tuce & tomato, peach slices, fruit juice, yeast rolls, crackers, gelatin.

Wednesday: Lasana, BBQ sandwich, chef salad, ranch baked fries, California veggies, green peas, pineapple tidbits, fruit juice, garlic bread, brownies.

Thursday: Country fried steak, hamburger, chef salad, whipped potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, applesauce, assorted fruit, cornbread, crackers, assorted gelatin.

Friday: Sliced turkey with gravy, cheese pizza, whipped potatoes, steamed broccoli, tossed salad, chilled pears, assorted fruit juice, yeast rolls, chocolate pudding.

All menus are subject to change.

SSC Math and Science Team members win first place honor at tournament

THE SEA COAST ECHO

St. Stanislaus College Math and Science Team members won 1st place honors at the 29th Annual Mississippi College Science and Mathematics Tournament held on February 7, 2003, according to Brother Ronald Hingle, SC, Principal.

Junior Andrew Waterman earned 1st place in the State of Mississippi in both mathematics and computer theory and fundamentals. He received \$24,000 in scholarships.

Other members of the SSC Math and Science Team placed in the competition and received scholarships. Senior Nathan Sison placed in the top 18% in mathematics and in the top 20% in computer theory and earned \$2,400 in scholarships. Junior Michael Enloe placed in the top 15% in physics and in the top 20% in chemistry earning \$2,400 in scholarships. Senior Jesse Brown placed in the top 11% in chemistry and earned \$1,200 in scholarships.

In the Computer Programming Team



Cutline: (back row l-r) Brock Kelly, Nathan Sison, Michael Enloe, Kunal Patel, and Mr. Jim Thrifflay, moderator. (front row l-r) Jesse Brown, Brad Reinhart, T. J. Koger, Andrew Waterman, Nima Shahhosini, Fred Mallini, and Kevin Duvielh. (not pictured Philip OH.)

Competition, junior Nima Shahhosini joined Brown, Sison, and Waterman to win first place.

Other members of the SSC Math and Science Team are seniors Fred Mallini, Philip OH, and

Kunal Patel; juniors Brock Kelly and T.J. Koger; and freshmen Kevin Duvielh and Brad Reinhart.

St. Stanislaus College is a Catholic residency and day school for young men in grades 6-12.

American Quarter Horse events to be held at Kiln April 25-27

The Sun N Fun QHS, an American Quarter Horse Association-Approved Show, will be held April 26 - 27 at the Hancock Co. Fairgrounds in Kiln.

American Quarter Horse Show test horses' abilities in dozens of different classes and feature exciting events such as jumping, reining, barrel racing, cutting, roping and pole bending. Additionally, halter classes that judge American Quarter Horses based on balance, muscling and breed characteristics are held.

People who exhibit at an American Quarter Horse

Show earn points that turn into awards or cash at the end of the year by competing at an AQHA or American Quarter Horse Youth Association World Championship Shows, the premier events in the entire equine industry.

"We welcome all American Quarter Horse Owners as well as anyone who has a passion for horses," said Bill Brewer, AQHA Executive Vice President. "AQHA Shows are fun, and anybody who has ever wanted to get involved with horses or compete at an AQHA Show is encouraged to attend."

Each year, AQHA approves more than 2,700 shows and special events across the globe. For more information about the Sun N Fun QHS, please contact Nancy L. Russ, 228-533-7031.

For additional information about AQHA, including showing, racing or recreational riding programs, contact AQHA at (806)376-4811 or visit AQHA's web site at www.aqha.com.

The Sun N Fun barrels & poles, an American Quarter Horse Association approved special event will be held April 25 at the Hancock Co. Fairgrounds in Kiln.

Millsaps Announces Fall 2002 Dean's and President's Scholars Lists

The enclosed list identifies the Millsaps College students in your circulation area who were named to the Dean's and President's Scholars Lists for the Fall 2002 Semester. Students who earn a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.849 are named to the Dean's list (identified by *) and students who earn a grade point average of 3.850 to 4.0 are named to the President's list. *Marlena Evans, Bay St. Louis
*Aimee Boudreaux, Bay St. Louis
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Weddings and Births

Seals-Hearndon



Seals-Hearndon

Loretta Charleen Seals of Bay St. Louis and Randal Charles Hearndon of Bay St. Louis, were united in marriage February 14, 2003 at the home of the brides brother, Ed Seals.

Judge Ricky Adam officiated.

The bride is the daughter of the late Charles and Norma Jean Seals.

The groom's parents are Morris Lee Hearndon and Glenda Kenmar Hearndon of Bay St. Louis.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother Ed Seals.

Maid of honor was Tammy Adam, sister of bride.

Bridesmaids included Shawna and Shelby Peneguy both daughters of the bride and Gabriell Hearndon daughter of groom.

Ring bearer was Sean Peneguy, son of the bride.

Best man was Dexter Smith.

The couple will reside in Bay St. Louis.

Meadows-Acosta



Meadows-Acosta

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Ray Meadows of Bay St. Louis announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of Jennifer Lea Meadows, to Elfred Santos Acosta Jr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elfred Santos Acosta of Bay St. Louis.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Bay High School and currently attends Mississippi Gulf Coast Community

College and is employed with Loiacano's Health Club.

The prospective groom is a Bay High School graduate and attended the University of Maryland. He is employed with the Waveland Police Department.

The wedding will take place July 12, 2003 at 2 p.m. at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

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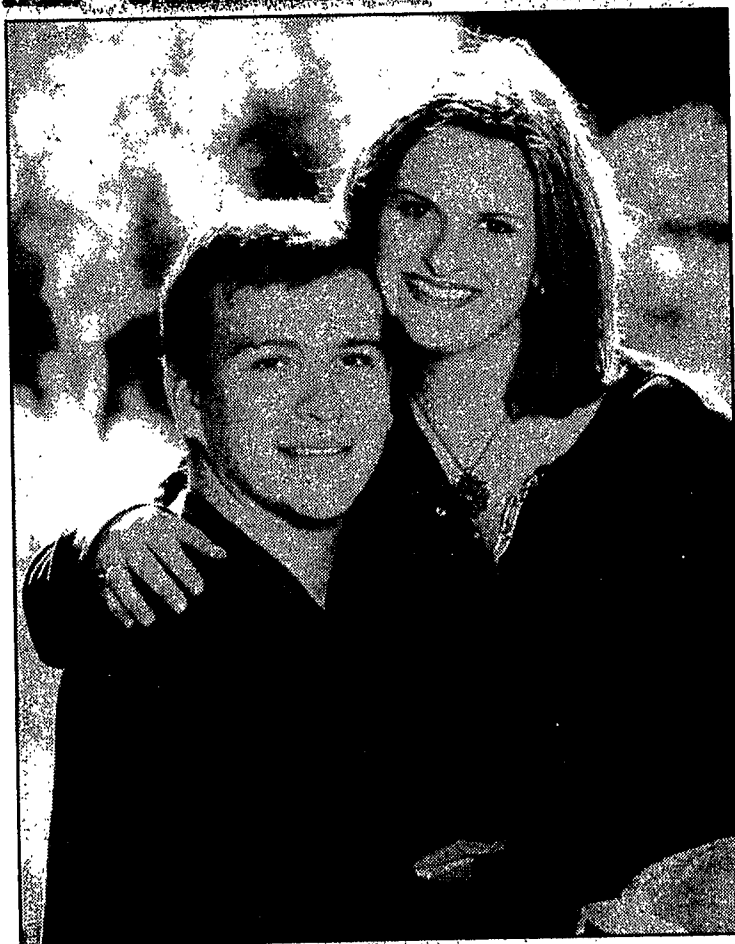
Easter Extravaganza
Holiday Inn, Waveland
Chandeleur Island Room
Wednesday, March 12, 2003
5:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Available Items...

- ~ Sterling silver jewelry, children's jewelry, and handbags
- ~ Dancewear apparel, accessories, and gift items
- ~ Gold Canyon candles in 60 scents
- ~ Local recording artist, Shea Michael Ladner's CD available
- ~ Easter dresses and home decor
- ~ Monogrammed and embroidered items and gifts
- ~ Seasonal lighted trees, filled easter baskets, and hand painted aprons
- ~ Advanced color technology of Senegence Cosmetics (kiss proof, water proof, smudge proof)

Door prizes awarded every 30 minutes

Parker-Gonzales



Parker-Gonzales

E.J. and Cathy Parker of Pass Christian announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of Amanda Parker to R.J. Gonzales, son of Ray Gonzales of Long Beach and Jennifer Baum of Picayune, MS.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Hancock High School and attended University of Southern Alabama.

Honors: SGA Senator of the year; Jaguar Productions Board Member of the Year; Most Spirited RA; and Jaguar Productions President's Award.

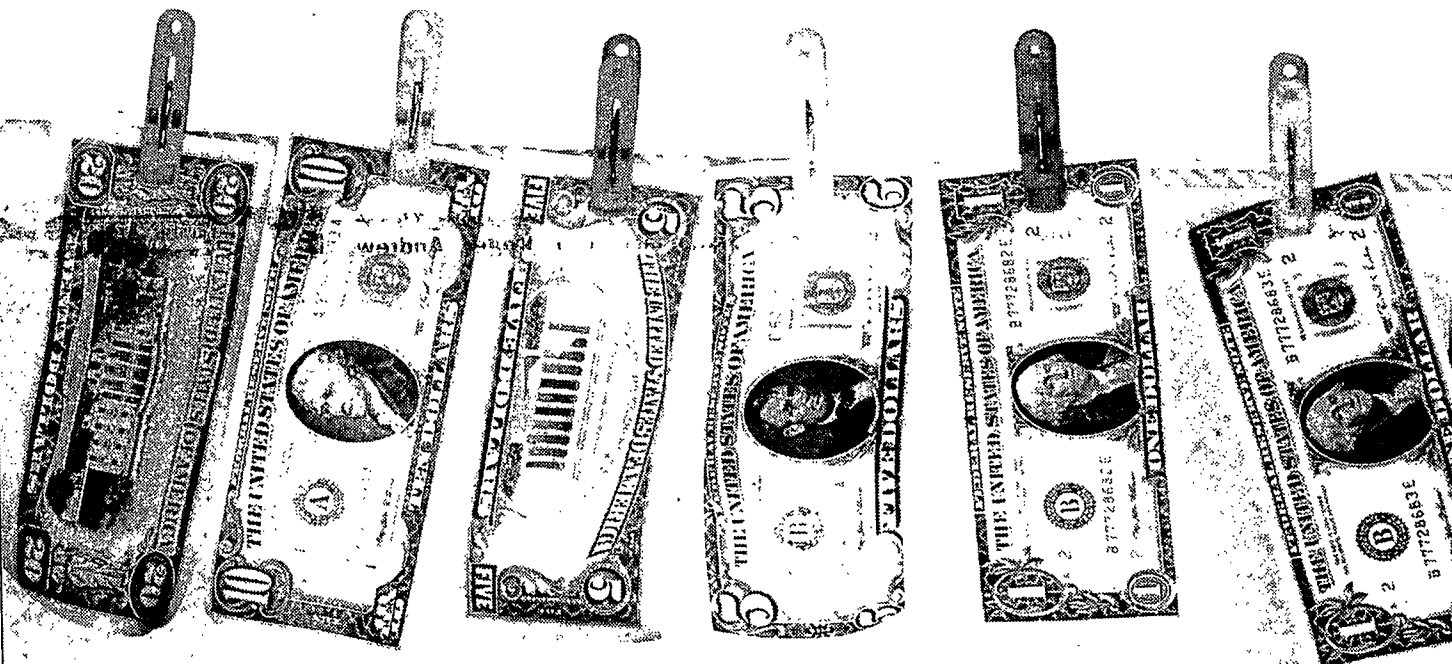
She is presently employed with Aaron Oil Company, Mobile, AL.

The prospective groom is a Hancock High School graduate and is attending the University of South Alabama.

Honors: President Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity; SGA Senator and Senate Pro Tem.

He is presently employed with Southern Earth Science, Mobile, AL.

The wedding will take place May 17, 2003 at 2:30 p.m. in St. Paul's Catholic Church, Pass Christian.



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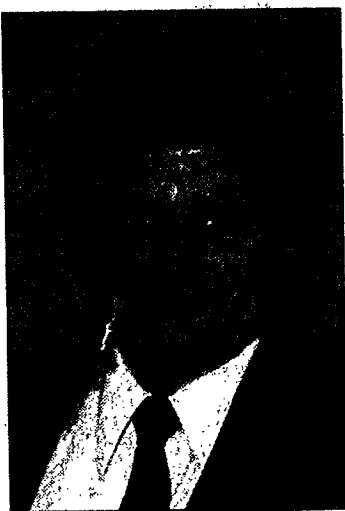
Roman takes reins at HSRC

Retired U.S. Navy Capt. Donald A. Roman has assumed duties as director of the University of Southern Mississippi's Hydrographic Science Research Center.

Roman said his focus will be to direct the center's efforts toward improving navigation and charting capabilities for the Navy, commercial vessels and recreational boaters — and seeking new research opportunities for the center scientists will be among his first objectives. He said he regards as a major benefit the program's strategic location at the center of the world's largest population of working hydrographers and oceanographers at the Stennis Space Center.

"The Hydrographic Science Research Center is uniquely postured to bring cutting-edge science and research to the field of hydrography with a national and international research staff, and a one-of-a-kind electronic charting laboratory," Roman said. "HSRC scientists collaborate extensively with both national and international scientists."

A native of Utica, N.Y., Roman retired as a captain from the U.S. Navy in March 2000 and as chief of staff of the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command (CNMOC) at the Stennis



Roman

Space Center. During Roman's 30 years in the Navy, his key assignments included tours as executive officer of the Naval Oceanographic Office, commanding officer of the Naval Atlantic Meteorology and Oceanography Center, Norfolk, Va., Atlantic Fleet oceanographer, and commanding officer of Oceanographic Unit Two.

Roman holds a bachelor's degree in oceanography from the State University of New York, and a master's degree in oceanography and meteorology from the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, Calif.

Roman's military awards include the Legion of Merit (two awards), the Meritorious Service Medal

(five awards), the Navy Commendation Medal (three awards), and the Meritorious

Unit Commendation (two awards). Roman also is a recipient of the U.S. Navy League's "Order of the Naval Sword."

"My wife Rebecca and I are no strangers to the Gulf Coast and are looking forward to returning to the area and joining the USM team," Roman said.

Created to develop new ocean charting and navigation technology, USM's Hydrographic Science Research Center complements USM's master's degree in hydrographic science with research in cutting-edge methods like multibeam sonar that creates a 3-D picture of the sea floor. The Hydrographic Science Research Center is one component of USM's Department of Marine Science.

A division of the College of Marine Sciences, the Department of Marine Science is strategically located at Stennis Space Center in Hancock County, Miss., home to the world's largest population of oceanographers and hydrographers. The department offers both master's and doctoral degrees in marine science and a master's degree in hydrographic science.

Cancer Society needs counselors for Camp Rainbow in Morton

Deadline to apply is April 1 for interested volunteers

Do you want to make a difference in the life of a child with cancer?

Interested volunteers ages 21 and above are encouraged to apply to be counselors at Camp Rainbow, a special camp sponsored by the American Cancer Society where cancer patients ages 6-17 can experience the traditional fun of summer camp while still having their special medical needs met.

Counselors will help provide a loving and caring environment for the campers, who are pediatric cancer patients from across the state. Camp Rainbow will be held from July 29 through August 2 at Roosevelt State Park in Morton, Miss. Funded by public contributions to the American Cancer Society, Camp Rainbow provides

the opportunity for each camper to share the good times of camp life with fellow campers.

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Rainbow, approximately 1,175 patients have participated, many returning to become counselors. This

year, Camp Rainbow will be celebrating its 20th anniversary.

To request a counselor application for Camp Rainbow, contact the American Cancer Society at (800) ACS-2345.

The deadline to submit applications to the American Cancer Society is April 1. For more information on cancer, visit the American Cancer Society Web site at www.cancer.org.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service.

Pass Christian native named a USA Scholar

Michael Ryan has completed three semesters at the University of South Alabama as a 4.0 President's List Scholar.

He is pursuing a degree in Business with an emphasis in Sports Marketing.

He has been inducted into the Phi Eta Sigma and Alpha Theta Chi Honor Societies and received a certificate of recognition from the Phi

Kappa Phi Honor Society for maintaining a 4.0 grade point average during his freshman year.

Michael is a 2001 graduate of St. Stanislaus and is the son of Mike and Janet Ryan of Pass Christian.

He is the Grandson of Nathalie Ryan and the late James Ryan of Bay St. Louis and Avery Allen and the late Yvonne Allen of Pass Christian.

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Gardening

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grasses and the result was very pleasing. The choices of companion plantings are limited only by your imagination.

Purple Knight will perform effortlessly for a long season, giving incredible beauty to the landscape. A little water during periods of drought, light applications of slow-release fertilizer in late spring, summer and early fall and you will have the green thumb.

If at any time during the growing season you feel the need to give a light pruning

to shape or confine a little, do so. Purple Knight will never miss a beat in the landscape. Make your cut just above a set of leaves.

Purple Knight alternanthera is just one of several hot purple plants for this new gardening season. Don't forget the ornamental millet Purple Majesty, which is an All-America Selections Gold Medal winner.

Regardless of whether the groundhog was right or wrong, spring will come and new plants like the Purple

Knight will make it a season to remember.

Norman Winter is a horticulturist with Mississippi State University's Extension Service. His office is located at the Central Mississippi Research and Extension Center at 1320 Seven Springs Road, Raymond, MS 39154. He can be heard weekdays at 7:19 a.m. on public radio in Mississippi.

Locate this article on the World Wide Web at <http://MSUcares.com/news/print/sgnews/>.



Garden Park Medical Center is committed to keeping our community well-educated about the healthcare issues that matter most to you. Please join us for our informative programs.

Birthing Class Series

A comprehensive, six-week course covering all aspects of pregnancy from prenatal through postpartum care. Free for those pre-registered for maternity services at Garden Park. For those not pre-registered, the cost is \$35 per couple. Every Monday from February 24 through April 7, 7 PM to 9 PM. Classroom 3. Next series to start April 21.

One-Day Birthing Class

For those who cannot attend the evening series, we offer a 5-hour Saturday class. Saturday, April 26, 9 AM - 2 PM. Classroom 3.

Healthy Pregnancy Class

Featured bi-monthly, this class will cover changes and care during pregnancy, what to expect, and how to stay healthy and fit. Tuesday, April 15, 7 PM - 9 PM. Classroom 3.

Breastfeeding Class

One-hour class for mothers who are considering breastfeeding. The course is free to those pre-registered at GPMC for maternity services. Fathers are welcome. Monday, April 7, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Saturday, April 26, 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM. Classroom 3.

Dementia Support Group

This newly formed group will focus on caring for anyone with a memory loss problem or dementia. Tuesday, April 1, 6 PM. Classroom 3.

For more information, or to reserve a space in one of these classes, call 228-575-7112.

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New Mom's Class

This class helps reassure new mothers by teaching them the aspects of newborn child care. Saturday, May 10, 4:00 - 4:45 PM. Classroom 3.

Diabetes Support Group

Each meeting will feature an informative guest speaker with time for questions and discussion. Third Thursday of every month. Thursday, March 20, 12 PM - 1 PM. Classroom 3.

Seniors 2003

Educational programs especially designed for seniors. Fourth Thursday of every month. Meetings alternate monthly between Orange Grove Community and the Charles L. Walker Senior Center. Thursday, March 27, 2 PM - 3 PM. Orange Grove Community Center.

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"I bit my tongue, and counted the days and months until graduation," he said. "When I did graduate, the next day I found out when auditions were, and I went right away."

With school behind him and a job as a massage therapist at Trendsetters in Bay St. Louis, Arthur doesn't have to worry about long breaks from theater again. Now he can concentrate on finding roles.

"I love to do comedic roles," he said. "I love making people laugh."

To date, his favorite role was the nerdy Rick Steadman in Bay St. Louis Little Theatre's production of the comedy "The Nerd."

"I never liked to be called a nerd, but the character was such a fun person to portray," he said. "I've done at least a dozen shows, but that was the first time I actually had the freedom to do whatever I wanted to do on stage."

His best experience on stage, however, was performing in an opera at the Saenger Theatre in Biloxi.

"The whole house was full," he said. "It was unbelievable. When you do plays/musicals, you aren't supposed to look out in the audience, but in this setting I couldn't help it. I didn't gawk at the crowd; I was just in awe."

With the great experiences, however, also comes the bad ones. Arthur recalled one particular performance where he experienced a bit of trouble.

"I was saying my lines, and then I realized I was saying them in the wrong moment," he said. "I tried to back peddle to where I was supposed to say the right words. It was

"I came alive that first time on stage, and I still do when I act. It's a magical thing to be on stage."

Arthur Bailey Jr.

awful. (There was a) lot of stammering, but it worked out. Improvisation is a wonderful thing."

With his worst experience behind him, Arthur dreams of one day getting paid to act.

"I'm going to make it to Broadway, and I will, too," he said. "I'd love to be a paid actor, not a famous actor, just a paid actor."

If fame comes with it, though, Arthur said he'd welcome it.

"It's just been a dream of mine ever since I started this 'little dance,'" he said. "I'd love to get on board with a professional touring show that goes across the states."

Currently, Arthur has only traveled to Gulfport where he is in the last rehearsals for his next role as Darris Cumby in Gulfport Little Theatre's production of "Sand Pies and Scissorlegs," which runs March 12-16.

In this role, Arthur portrays a "momma's boy" who hasn't managed to escape the firm grasp of his over-protective mother. His character, however, does manage to squeeze out of his mother's grip and find his own place in the world.

As for Arthur, he found his calling long ago as a second grader on a stage. Since that first time in the spotlight, he said the theater has improved his self-esteem and made him more outgoing.

"I came alive that first time on stage, and I still do when I act," he said. "It's a magical thing to be on stage."

For my first time, it was a little less magical and a bit more painful. I did learn a valuable lesson though — don't cry when people laugh at you and never wear green tights.

Views

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I see a flash of something black as he darts from one cover to the next. He'll stop at each spot and watch us. He wants to join us, but is leery of the wide openness of the beach that we have since the hurricane. Instincts tell him that if something came up, he'd never be able to get to a safe cover.

When I finally turn to go back to the house, Holly leads the way, dashing in short runs ahead of us, finally meeting us almost nonchalantly on the porch. Stella, meanwhile, has stayed in the house cooking or doing the various morning chores that she has lately found to do. She retired several weeks ago and revels in all the things she is finding time to do. She hasn't slowed down and seems busier and much happier than she was before. So there are changes there, too. And they're good.

There is no getting away from the fact that we two (or four, if you count Jennie and Holly) are lucky. We live on the beach of this small town, a town that fortunate-

ly for us borders on the Mississippi Sound. Stella and I have lived here all of our married lives, almost thirty years. Waveland is a friendly, relaxed town that, while feeling the effects of the booming casino and tourist industries that has changed so much of the other coastal towns, has managed to retain much of its relaxed charm. Still, things are changing.

When the days start to heat up later this year, Stella will dip into the bounty of the Sound and go wade fishing in front of the house. What she catches will give us a late breakfast or early lunch. My favorite is black bass, grilled with a couple of eggs, onions and fresh French bread. If I am lucky there may even be a little roe to mix in with the eggs. Talk about Utopia.

I love to eat these meals sitting at our table in the dining room looking out through the large windows over the broad sun bright waters of the Sound. In front of me, would be a cool glass of a dark beer. Under the table, Jennie would be

waiting for something to fall.

All this will come later this year, but I can wait.

It's not always as cold on the Coast as it is today. Normally, it's rather pleasant, although in the long summer it can, at times, be terribly humid and hot. One gets used to the heat here in the same way people in Minneapolis get used to the cold. As there are periods in the year in Minneapolis during which locals prefer to stay inside in houses built for the cold, there are periods that we who live on the Coast prefer to stay inside in houses built for the heat.

But rather than the scenes of snow and ice, they have to view through their windows, we can look at moss draped live oaks, a long sandy beach and the broad sweep of the waters of the Mississippi Sound. If I had to choose, I would take our view over theirs.

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Rushing, minister of education at First Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis, is married to the former Victoria Paige Young of Waveland.

He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. S. Everett Rushing of Jackson.

Rushing's home church is First Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis. He holds the Associate of Arts degree in general studies from Hinds Community College in Raymond; the bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Mississippi State University in Starkville and the master of arts in Christian education in youth from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in New Orleans.

Don A. Elbourne Jr. of Baton Rouge received the master of theology degree on Dec. 21, 2002, at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Elbourne, pastor of Lakeshore Baptist Church in Lakeshore is married to the former Courtney Jaet of Baton Rouge. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don A. Elbourne Sr. of Baton Rouge.

Elbourne's home church is Laurel Lea Baptist Church in Baton Rouge. He holds the bachelor of science degree in religion from Mississippi College in Clinton and the master of divinity with languages degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in New Orleans.

Leslie Neil Gaines from Mount Vernon, Texas, received the Associate in Pastoral Ministries degree on Dec. 21, 2002, at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Gaines, pastor of Bayside Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis is married to the former Tina Kaye LeDoux of Beaumont, Texas. He is the son of Sandra and Bill Gaines of Mt. Vernon, Texas.

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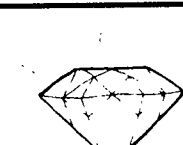
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Prevention Precludes Healing

"I don't know what I will have to live with the pain of loss of this tragedy for the rest of our lives," was the painfully choking comment of the tearful spokesman of The Station, the night club in West Warwick, R.I., which burned like a dry haystack on Feb. 19.

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," and "A stitch in time saves nine," are just two of many adages which admonish us to be alert, to be provident, to be foresightful and to anticipate problem scenarios.

Almost eerily, the foam salesman who sold the night club's owner the cheapest soundproofing product available, lived next door to The Station.

The light, porous soundproofing foam gets a failing grade from fire experts because it burns very quickly, creating a dense smoke punctuated by carbon monoxide, cyanide and other poisonous gases.

Of course, the club owners blame the next-door foam salesman for selling them cheap, highly flammable soundproofing material for their walls. And, of course, the salesman counters that the owners wanted the cheapest option available without even bothering to discuss safety. Actually, fire codes prohibit both the selling and the using of such materials in public places.

When will it ever dawn on merchants of sensitive materials and owners of mass-assembly facilities that their primary concern and driving motivation should be not dollars but the safety and welfare of the people they service? Ah, but that sounds like little more than a pipe dream.

Since what drives capitalism is good old human greed, Godly principles are hard put to prevail.

To neglect and petty greed add a lack of safety directions in the Chicago fire and The Station in West Warwick, and you have the ultimate irony in a situation of life and death. There were indeed emergency exits from the clubs, but they were hardly used at all because the managers and workers did not point them out or give other basic safety instructions to the clubbers.

Which brings us to the second phase of neglect and/or greed: lack of timely communication of problems, deficiencies and possible solutions.

This serious lack loomed large in a number of our space initiatives. For starters, a startling observation is that our astronauts are fired into space in amazingly contrived machines built mostly on the quality and power of the lowest bids.

Be that as it may, those space machines are the crowning achievement of human engineering, albeit plagued by ever-present flaws brought on

by own human flaws of inattention, laziness, complacency, faulty communication and dumb political considerations. The bottom line should be that individual as well as the public well-being must be given the benefit of doubt.

Sadly, giving us the benefit of the doubt is often not on the minds of those in power, those who call the official shots in critical situations.

Surely reverberating to the end of time, the warnings of scientists that the cold weather at Cape Canaveral would shrink the O-rings of the booster rocket on Jan. 27, 1986, were dismissed by the signal callers as too precautionary.

As history records, the near-freezing weather did shrink the O-rings, allowing the highly flammable mixture of hydrogen and oxygen to leak and ignite prematurely, thus blowing the spacecraft into oblivion soon after takeoff. To this day, there has been only a very partial admission of this.

"We're comfortable that the process that is in place assures the quality of the hardware that we build," remarked Marion LaNasa, a Lockheed spokesman who had been challenged about the suspect foam adhesive used in the insulation to the space shuttle Columbia's fuel tank. Can't some boss of some company just for once listen longer before answering criticism?

By the same token, why did NASA engineers keep their concerns to themselves when doubts, even fears about potential tragedy surfaced the day before the shuttle Columbia's last ride? Where was the benefit of the doubt in favor of the common good when NASA engineers did not share their grave misgivings with senior officials before the big rocket took off?

Dumb political considerations about preserving the ozone had coaxed the engineers to quit using freon in the compound which binds the insulation to the spacecraft fuel tank. During all the ensuing years since that change, the engineers have known that the amount of insulation flaking off during launch has been many times greater than before. Riskier, for sure.

I respect the ozone and the ecology, but human well-being comes first at all times. We need healing constantly in all phases of our human life and experiences, as evidenced from deadly night club fires and rocket tragedies as well as everyday trials in our families, schools, jobs and social circles.

Still, far more important than healing in many cases is the prevention of injury and pain in the first place. Yes, it does remain true that a stitch in time saves nine, and an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Is everyone listening on the home front, on the Church front, in the marketplace?

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You must confess Christ as the Lord over your life. You must see as sin, your desire to live life apart from God and apart from Christ. And you must return to God. There must be a new desire in your life to glorify God rather than yourself.

And so you must ask God's forgiveness for your sin. And you must trust in the death of Christ as the only adequate payment for that sin. Then you will begin to see your life, your work, your marriage, and your family, as God's plan for you to be a part of a society which honors Him!

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Scripture Says . . .

By Ed Young

The Lord's Prayer

"Our Father Who Art in Heaven." Do we really think of Him as our Father; someone we are closely connected to?

"Hallowed be Thy Name". Is that the name we often use when cursing; or in reverence?

"Thy Kingdom come." Yes, His Kingdom someday will be established here on earth.

"Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven." It is the will of the Lord to rule and reign and bring a heavenly kingdom to earth; for His government is a theocracy.

"Give us this day our daily bread." The staff of life is just not food, but our daily needs, the Lord will supply; if we ask Him to.

"Forgive us our sins as we forgive

those who have sinned against us." Difficult to do, but it is a must to God. A righteous God forgives us, we must forgive the person who has wronged us; it's a must.

"Lead us not into temptation." The Lord is aware of our weaknesses and heads off trouble we could easily have fallen into. "Deliver us from evil." How can He do that? Because He is the power and the glory forever and forever.

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PRCC wins big at DECA

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Pearl River Community College marketing students made an impressive showing last weekend at the Delta Epsilon Chi conference in Jackson.

With 13 of the 15 community colleges competing for state titles, Pearl River returned home with five first places, two seconds and three thirds. Freshman Delana Davenport of Wiggins was also elected state president for 2003-04.

"This is the first time in 20 years that Pearl River has had a state officer, much less the president's position," said Carol Williams, DECA faculty adviser and PRCC marketing instructor.

First place winners included:

Davenport and sophomore Joe Ball of Columbia for Business Ethics; Sophomore Mardesia Chauvin of Picayune for Retail Management and Chapter Scrapbook; Sophomore Ginger Hoda of Kiln for Chapter News article; and Freshman Amanda Lowery of Columbia for Sales Manager Meeting.

Second place winners included:

Freshman Laura White of Picayune for Design; and Hoda for Financial Services.

Third place winners included:

Freshman Amy Graham of Purvis for Sales Representative; and Davenport, Chauvin, Hoda, and White for Quiz Bowl.

Also, PRCC instructor Herbert Thigpen was named Advisor of the Year. Thigpen has been an



POPLARVILLE - Pearl River Community College marketing students made an impressive showing recently at the Delta Epsilon Chi conference in Jackson. Winners include from left: Front row - Ginger Hoda of Kiln, Amy Graham of Purvis, Delana Davenport of Wiggins, Laura White of Picayune and Amanda Lowery of Columbia. Back row - DECA faculty adviser Carol Williams, Joe Ball of Columbia, Mardesia Chauvin of Picayune and PRCC instructor Herbert Thigpen, who was named advisor of the year.

instructor at PRCC for 13 years.

Williams, in her 11th year at PRCC, said all seven PRCC students will represent Mississippi April 12-17 in Orlando, Fla., at the International Competition.

"We've never had everybody win, especially five first places," said Williams. "It was kind of overwhelming to us. I am so proud of all of them. I knew they were capable. This is a really good group that works well together. We just had a really big year."

Williams said the cam-

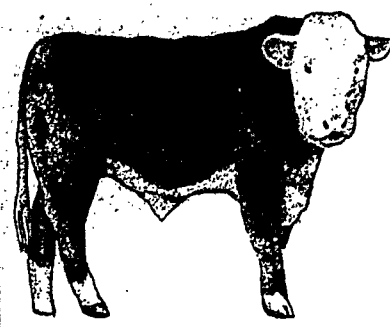
paign to elect Davenport state president was a successful one. She defeated a student from Coahoma Community College for the title.

"Delana had competed in DECA when she was in high school," said Williams. "She came to me and said she wanted to run for president. So we put a campaign together. We had a booth set up at the state conference. Even the students who did not go helped with the campaign stuff."

"Our slogan was 'Help Jamaica Me President.' The

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Gulf Coast-area USM students assigned teaching placements

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Eight Gulf Coast students were assigned their teaching placements for the spring semester at The University of Southern Mississippi.

Jennifer Necaise, 22, of Pass Christian, will be teaching fifth grade at W.J. Quarles Elementary School in Long Beach under the supervision of Jule LaFontaine and second grade at Bayou View Elementary School under the supervision of Kathy Hunter. Necaise, a senior elementary education major, is the daughter of Raymond and Robin Cuevas.

Rose M. Jenkins, of Pass Christian, will be teaching first and second grade at Thomas L. Reeves Elementary School in Long Beach under the supervision of Robbin Vonder Bruegge and fourth grade at Gulfview Elementary School under the supervision of Jan White. Jenkins, a senior elementary education major, is the daughter of Betty J. Winfrey and the late Carl Martin.

Debra Pavolini, 29, of Pass Christian, will be teaching first grade at Pass Christian Elementary School under the supervision of Doris Hill and sixth grade reading at Pass Christian Middle School under the supervision of Linda Smith. Pavolini, a senior elementary education major, and her husband, Martin, have one daughter, Amber.

David R. Lane, 38, of Long Beach, will be teaching fifth grade at Orange Grove Elementary School under the supervision of Darin Serrato and second and third grade at North

Bay Elementary School under the supervision of Cindy Touns. Lane, a senior elementary education major, and his wife, Cassandra, have one daughter, Jennifer.

Tammy Estapa, 21, of Bay St. Louis, will be teach-

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Southern Miss, Scott Aquarium 'A Window to the Sea'

BY CHRISTOPHER MAPP

If the last 20 years have been an educational and commercial success for the University of Southern Mississippi's J.L. Scott Aquarium, then hold onto your waders and secure your snorkels because the next 10 years promises a tidal wave of progress.

Over the next decade, the marine education center and tourist attraction in Biloxi will undergo radical improvements. On the drawing board are plans to expand the 42,000-gallon Gulf of Mexico tank to 400,000 gallons, roughly the size of the Aquarium of the Americas in New Orleans. An IMAX-style 3-D theater also is envisioned, as well as a 500-seat amphitheater facing Deer Island that could be used for "sea-symphonies."

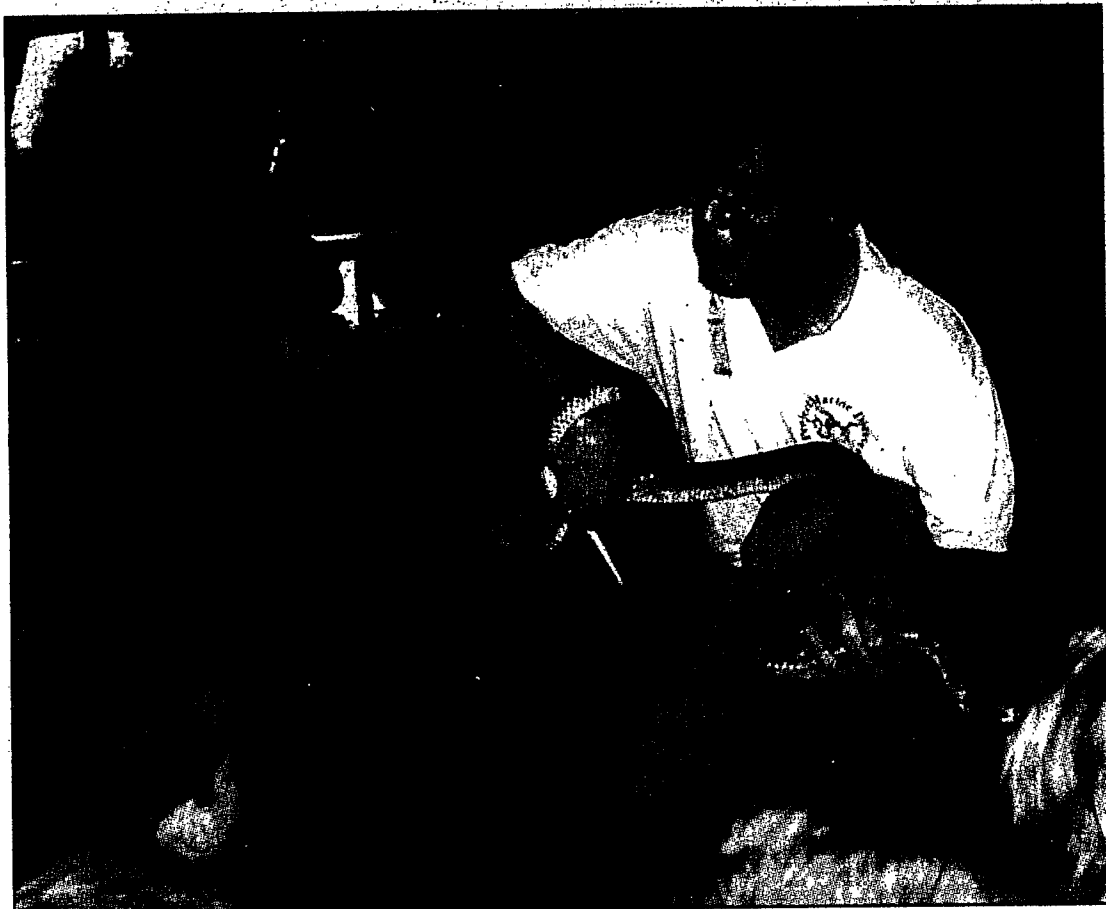
"We are the window to the sea," said Dr. Sharon Walker, Southern Miss professor and administrator of the university's 33,000-square-foot facility that represents one of the six research centers in USM's current College of Marine Sciences.

"What we do is basically bridge the gap between what marine researchers are doing and the public's understanding of how it affects them," she added. "Through our exhibits, they can look in and see that research in a tangible form."

Although the aquarium would grow considerably, Walker stressed the importance of retaining a large availability of "green space" for families to enjoy fishing, picnicking and other leisure activities.

Scott Aquarium has been inspiring students, educators and the public at large for the last 20 years and in many respects, it's just getting started.

Each year at Scott Aquarium more than 31,000 teachers, students and adults discover the marine sciences firsthand through award-winning programs that have served as models for other national and regional programs. In addition to teachers and students, another 50,000 visitors encounter both plants from the Gulf of Mexico and aquatic species and their habitats featured in the cen-



TOUCHING NATURE- Marine educator Chris Breazeale gives Gulfport pre-schoolers a personal encounter with living reptiles.

ters, 48 aquariums.

There, they encounter live animals like alligators, amphibians, turtles and nonvenomous snakes. A touch-tank allows visitors to get a "hands-on" experience, literally, with starfish, sea urchins, hermit crabs and other invertebrates. Rounding out the experience are other interactive marine science exhibits and environmental art galleries, featuring aquatic works by noted regional artists. Guests also can relax in the aquarium's 313-seat auditorium and view continuously running videos featuring sharks, dolphins and other sea-related topics.

Scott Aquarium recently was given approval by the secretary of state's office in cooperation with the State Board of Trustees of the Institutions of Higher Learning to conceive a master plan for the new facility, which would be built on the current site at Point Cadet.

That kind of expansion would benefit the public and the state economy alike, Walker said, adding, "We see about 80,000 people annually and we did a market analysis in 1999 that showed if we built a state-of-the-art aquarium, we could have 765,000 people attend just the aquarium on

an annual basis."

By adding an IMAX-style theater, another 248,000 people would flock to the facility, meaning "we could see a million people a year," she said.

Walker said that in the past, people have come to the Gulf Coast for one of three things: Fishing, golfing or gaming.

"But if there are more family convention-type things to do, then they might stay an additional night - which means more money spent at the restaurants, more money spent at hotels," she said.

"One more night means a lot more money to the economy of this state. Some think that with the new aquarium, instead of people going to New Orleans to stay and then taking a day trip to the coast, people will start staying on the coast and taking their day trip to New Orleans."

Walker said the expanded aquarium probably would be built first because the revenue it created would help fund the other projects. Part of what makes Scott Aquarium so unique is that it has one foot in tourism and another in education. Funded in the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory's line-item

budget, Scott Aquarium has received several prestigious grants, including a recent one by the National Science Foundation that makes the aquarium headquarters for the Central Gulf of Mexico Center for Ocean Sciences Education Excellence (COSEE). The grant is funded in conjunction with the National Sea Grant College Program and the Office of Naval Research.

Each year, about 31,000 pre-college teachers and their students come from around the country to the renowned aquarium to

"learn and develop their own programs," Walker said.

"Our mission is to increase awareness of marine and aquatic environments in the public and in our 31,000 pre-college students and teachers," she said. "We realize not everyone is going to become a scientist, nor would we want them to be, but we can empower these people to make more responsible decisions about resources and the fragility of our environment and how we're all interconnected."

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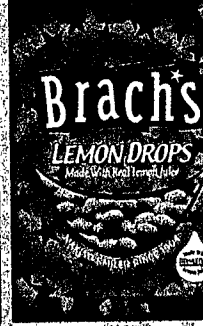
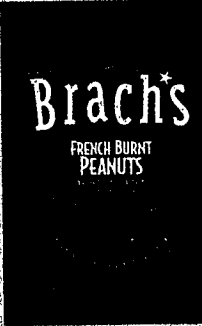
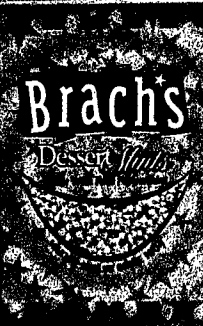
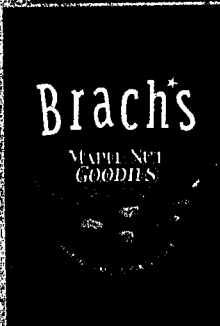
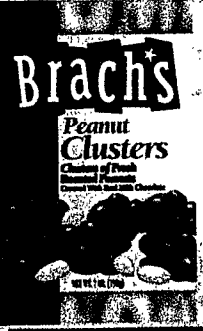
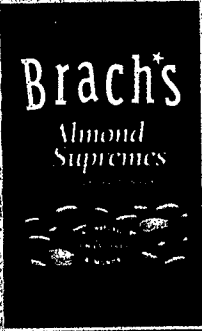
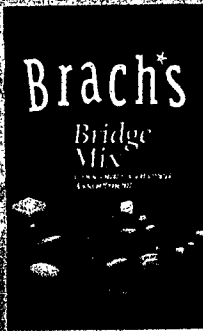
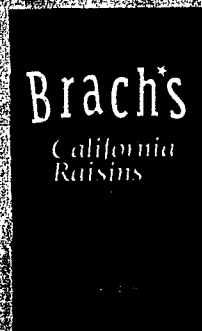
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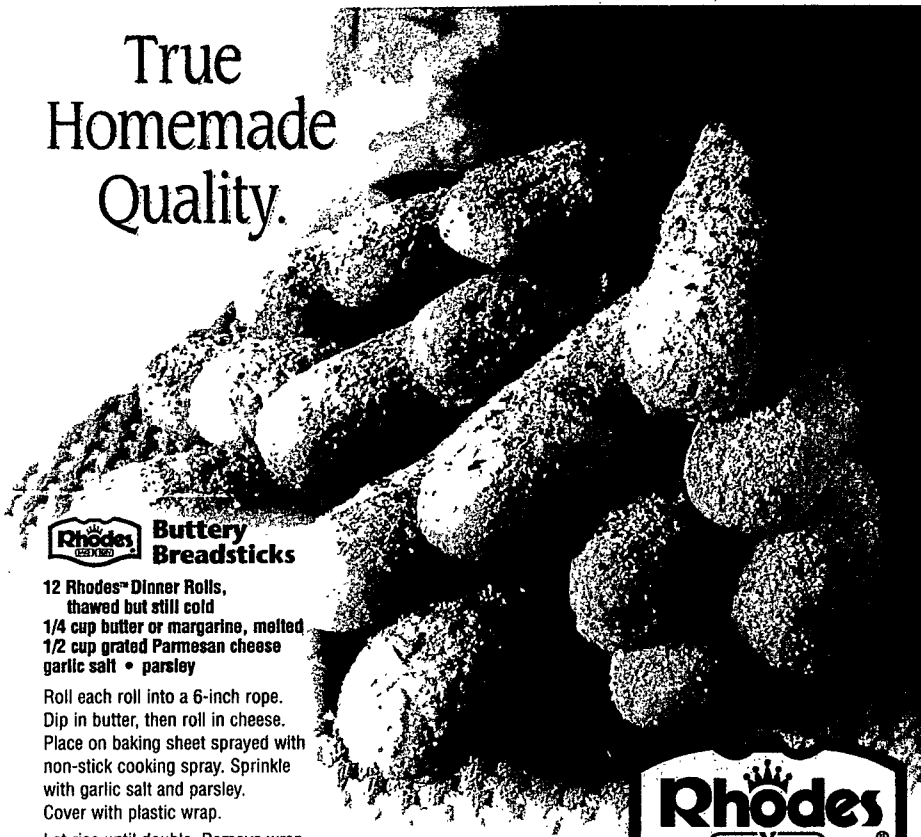


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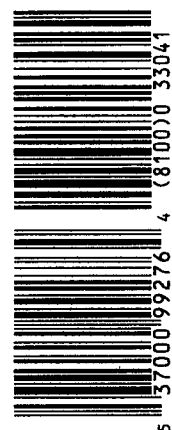
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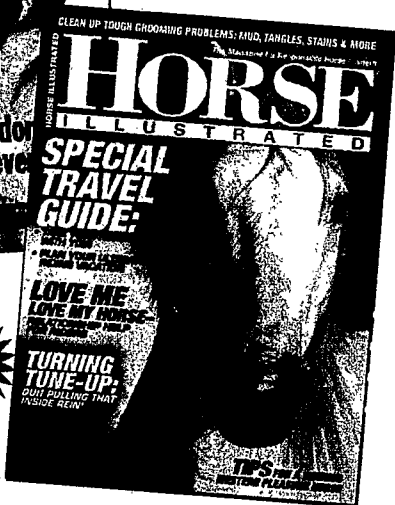


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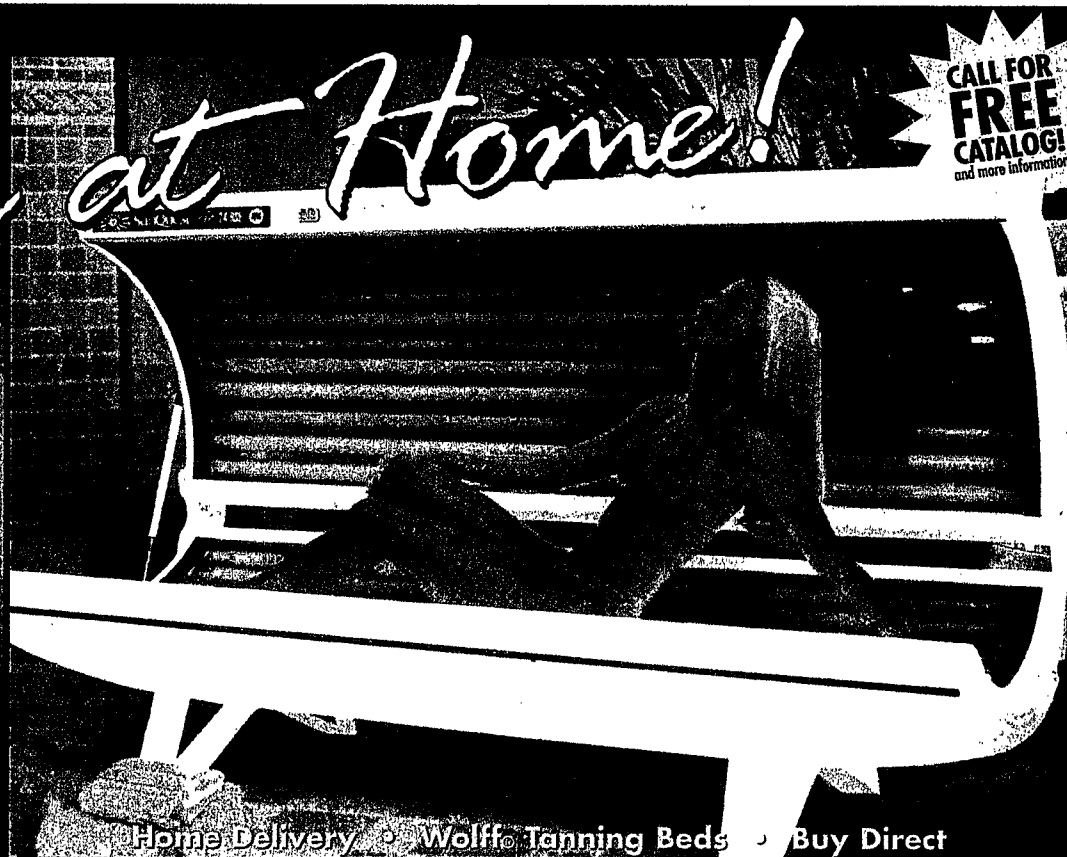
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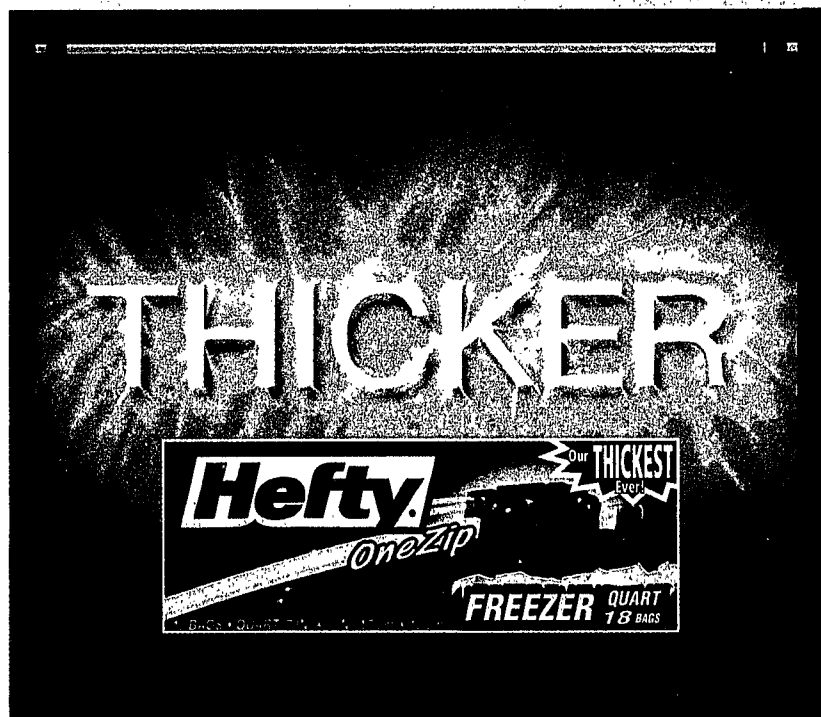
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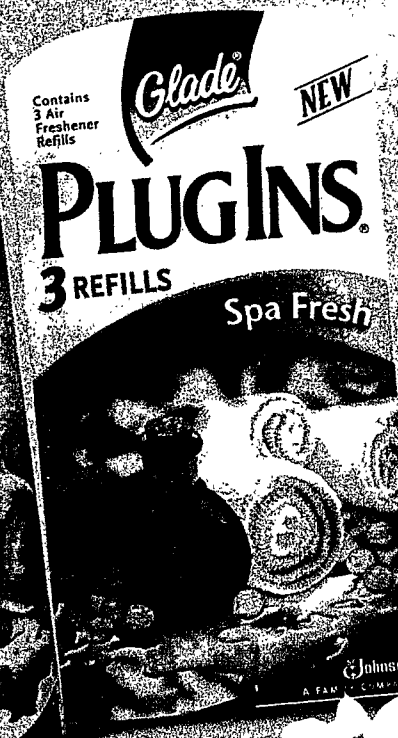
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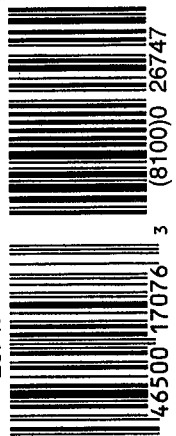
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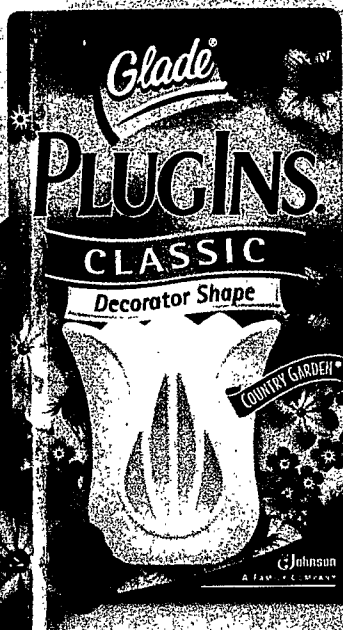
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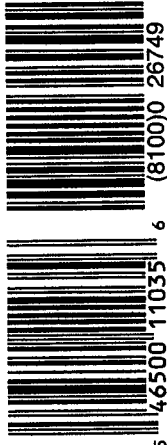
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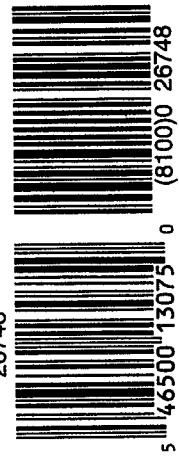
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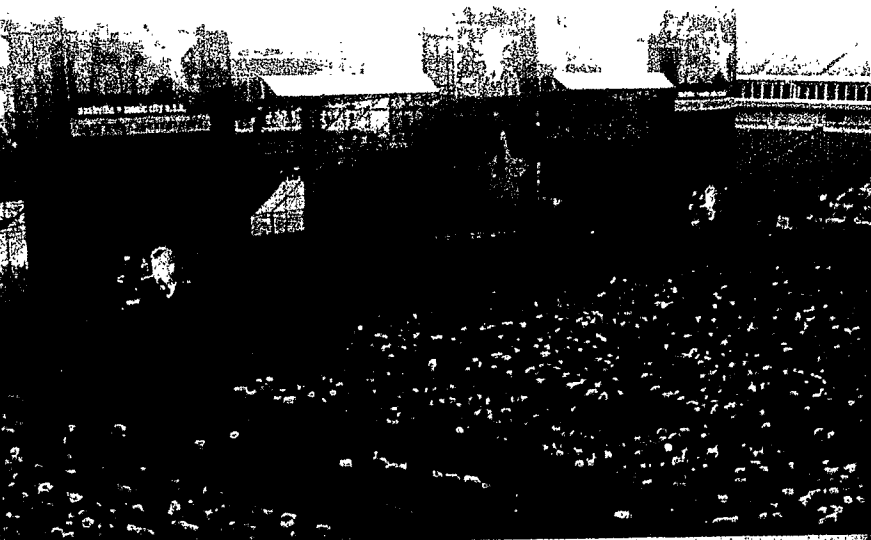
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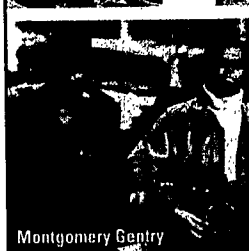


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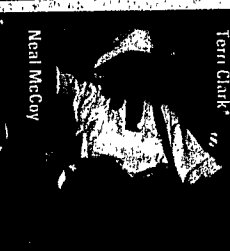
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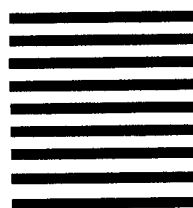
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